

Airtel to SAC, Tampa
 Re: JULY 26 MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA
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attorney of Tampa, Florida, was working on the case and [redacted]
 with [redacted] is apparently identical
 (Tampa, Florida.)

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Bufiles do not indicate that the Tampa Office has initiated an investigation of the July 26 Movement there. The scope and seriousness of the organizational activity, heavily infiltrated by communists, as described in the attached document give rise to the questions not only of whether there is some validity to the data but also of whether the prior coverage of the Cuban situation by the Tampa Office will enable an accurate appraisal. This is particularly true in the absence of any past intensive investigative attack upon the July 26 Movement activity in Tampa. It is recognized that data provided by [redacted] may be colored to some extent by his anti-Castro position. However, this information cannot be discounted and must be resolved investigatively.

By 12-1-60 the Bureau desires that the Miami Office submit a complete and detailed report on the organized activities of the July 26 Movement, Tampa, Florida, from inception to the point that the Tampa Office was created. This should include all pertinent data available during that period. The report should also include all pertinent data from the attached document regarding the applicable period together with all pertinent data available or which can be acquired investigatively which would serve to show the authenticity of the data or the lack thereof on the basis of facts. This report deadline of 12-1-60 must be met. The report should be carefully organized with headings and subheadings where appropriate and a table of contents. Miami should include any comments or conclusions as to the validity of the [redacted] data in an airtel accompanying the report.

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The Tampa Office, as office of origin, must submit its first report no later than 12-12-60. It should cover the period from the creation of the Tampa Office to date and include all pertinent data developed regarding the subject organization during that period, pertinent data from the attached document applicable to that period and to the present time and data which would establish by facts the validity, or lack thereof, of the [redacted] supplied by [redacted]. The Tampa Office should include any comments or conclusions as to the validity of the [redacted] data in

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an airtel accompanying its report. Included in that airtel should be a specific listing of all separate investigative cases now pending or which have been initiated on individuals named in the b7D document. This listing should include the full title, character, Tampa, file number and Bureau file number, where available. Under no circumstances should this organizational file be utilized as a framework within which to initiate and report separate investigations regarding individuals. Data pertinent to the over-all organizational picture should, of course, be extracted from individual case files and included in reports in this case.

The later deadline of 12-12-60 has been set for the Tampa Office to prevent duplicate reporting and to allow a sensible chronology in the presentation of data. This matter must receive continuous and preferred attention in both offices and sufficient personnel must be assigned to meet the deadlines set and to do an effective job.

November 10, 1960

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To: SAC, Tampa (Enclosures - 2)
2 - Miami (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

Subject: JULY 26 MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA
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Attached for the information of the Tampa Office
are two Photostats of a "Report on 'The 26th of July
Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida." One Photostat is attached
for the Miami Office.

This report was made available to the Bureau by [redacted]
[redacted] on 11-7-60. [redacted] advised the report
was prepared by [redacted] who
apparently is associated in some way with a [redacted] a
lawyer in Tampa, Florida. The fact that the report was
received from [redacted]
should not be disclosed outside the Bureau in interviews,
correspondence or any manner. In reporting data from the
document it should be attributed to T-1, a source who has
furnished reliable information in the past. who received the
information from [redacted]

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According to an incoming airgram from the American
Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, to the Department of State, dated
11-7-60, classified "Confidential," [redacted]

This information came from the Canadian Immigration authorities
who advised they were seeking to [redacted]
The [redacted] also indicated [redacted] an
Note: [redacted]

Document received by SA E.C. Kemper from [redacted]
[redacted] advised Kemper upon recontact on 11-7-60
FBI is free to utilize data investigatively.

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ReBuairtel 11/10/60 which enclosed a report allegedly prepared by [redacted] captioned "Report on 'The 26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida." Mention was made therein of [redacted] Tampa attorney, said to be representing [redacted]

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In order that the Bureau may better evaluate the above-mentioned report the following information is submitted:

The last four pages of the [redacted] report" consists of a list of names of individuals with comments beside each name. It was at once apparent to the Tampa SAs investigating Cuban matters that this list bore great similarity to a list of names received 10/13/60 by SA [redacted] from [redacted] now a PSI of Tampa office. A comparison of the two lists shows they contain the same names and addresses except that [redacted] list contains one name, [redacted] which was not included on the [redacted] list, and the latter contains six names not on [redacted] list. These six are the last five names on [redacted] list and that of [redacted]. Even the order in which the names are listed is similar although there are some variations in the order. The nicknames [redacted] and [redacted] appear on both lists, as do the incomplete names [redacted]. Whereas the [redacted] list contains the incomplete name [redacted] did not name this person but merely listed him as [redacted]. It is noted the only name omitted from the [redacted] list, [redacted] is also the only name on [redacted] list concerning whom there was no identifying data.

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Principal differences noted in the two lists are as follows: Whereas the [] list is captioned "List of Members of the Communist Cell Inside the 26th of July Movement Club of Tampa, Florida", [] identified his list as merely the names of people affiliated with one of the pro-FIDEL CASTRO organizations in Tampa, the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid to Cuban Farmers or the 26th of July Movement. Moreover, the comments in [] list are for the most part identifying data only such as residence, employment, affiliation, whereas the [] list contains in almost every instance additional comments such as "Agent of the D.I.E.R.", "Active member of the Communist Party", etc.

From the foregoing comparison it was apparent that:

- (1) [] had obtained the list from [] or (2) [] had obtained his list from [] or (3) [] and [] had each obtained the list from a common source.

On 11/23/60 PSI [] advised SAs [] and [] that the list he had furnished was personally prepared by him from his own knowledge of the individuals thereon or from information he has received concerning them from his associates in Tampa. He said the only copies of the list other than the one furnished the FBI were given by him to []

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[] and to [] Miami. On further questioning he admitted he did not personally deliver the list to [] but gave it to "an intermediary". [] Although obviously reluctant to identify this "intermediary" he eventually did so, saying [] He requested this information be kept confidential. [] was asked whether he had information any of the persons on the list was an agent of the D.I.E.R. or whether he had ever told anyone these people were D.I.E.R. agents. He said he never did so for the reason he has no way of knowing who might or might not be an agent of D.I.E.R.

Reference is made to Buairtel to Tampa 11/8/60 captioned [] "IS-Cuba" wherein mention was made of a []

[] It is suggested the [] mentioned therein was probably []

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On 11/30/60 [redacted]
Tampa, who was [redacted] and
who has previously furnished information concerning Cuban matters,
advised SA [redacted] she knows [redacted]
[redacted] She
said [redacted] is a "nice girl" but she volunteered the comment
that little credence can be put in anything she says. She said
[redacted] she came here from Cuba
and started work at the [redacted]
[redacted] often
says things without any basis in fact and apparently without
realizing the consequences thereof. I want to emphasize that no
indication was given [redacted] that this office had received
any information from [redacted] She was approached on the
pretext the SA was considering whether [redacted] might have
information of value re Cuban activities.

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted]
[redacted] support of the FIDEL
CASTRO revolution and that, in fact, [redacted] has always
been pro-BATISTA. She explained that [redacted]
[redacted]

Records of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Hillsborough
County Courthouse, were checked 11/30/60 by SA [redacted] and
they reflect [redacted]
[redacted]
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While the [redacted] report contains much information that
is true, it makes many allegations incapable of proof and contains
some errors. The organization described in paragraph 2 on page
2 which is called "Comite de Ayuda a la Liberacion Cubana" actually
appears to refer to the Committee for Revolutionary Unity, which
was described in report under that caption by SA [redacted]
Miami, February 4, 1958, Bufile 97-3449. The organization de-
scribed in paragraph 2, page 3 and called "Club Patriotico 26 de
Julio" appears actually to refer to the Patriotic Movement of
Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers (Bufile 97-4219). [redacted]
[redacted]
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July 26 Movement

Rebuairtel 11/10/60 entitled "July 26 Movement, Tampa, Fla.,
Registration Act - Cuba; Internal Security - Cuba" with
attached photostat of "Report" on this organization. The
second name on page 7 of this document is shown as [redacted] 5-
whose last name was not known, [redacted]

It appears that the [redacted] referred to in this report is
identical with above captioned subject who is described as
[redacted]
Tampa, Florida.

Instant case was opened under Reserve Index Program. Subject's
residence verified and information developed through PSI
[redacted] on 10/13/60 that subject is [redacted] and
makes statements in favor of Russia and Communism [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) has stated that subject is
pro-CASTRO and critical of the United States.

PCI [redacted] on 10/23/60 advised that although subject
makes pro-Communist and pro-CASTRO statements, he is generally
[redacted]

Subject was formerly on Security Index, but was removed from
Security Index in June, 1955.

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In view of the foregoing information, subject is being retained in Section B of the Reserve Index and this case is being closed, subject to re-opening if subject's activities warrant such action.

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TO: DIRECTOR (105-82024)

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ReBuairtel 11/10/60, and TP airtel 11/30/60; both of which make reference to a report allegedly prepared by [redacted] captioned "Report on 'The 26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida."

Reference is now made to Bulet to Miami 11/29/60 captioned "CUBAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES; IS-CUBA."

It is believed that this office has pretty well established that the list furnished by [redacted] emanated from [redacted] and that, as pointed out in TP refairtel, someone along the line added a few names plus uncorroborated statements indicating certain individuals as DIER agents.

It is suggested that if the Bureau has not already done so, they request the [redacted] list to have [redacted] questioned along the lines set out in Bulet 11/29/60 concerning Cuban intelligence activities.

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It would appear to me that [redacted] is undoubtedly trying to "sell a bill of goods" to somebody in the United States with bald statements and for his own personal benefit, [redacted]

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Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin TAMPA	Date 12/5/60	Investigative Period 11/16-29/60	40229
TITLE OF CASE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: sah	
		CHARACTER OF CASE RA - CUBA; IS - CUBA		

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Tampa dated 11/10/60.

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This report has been compiled on the basis of a complete review of Miami files 97-139 (Bufile 97-3244), Miami 97-268 (Bufile 105-82024), and a search of Miami indices regarding the names of all individuals mentioned in the attachment to Bureau airtel where pertinent information was located. In this connection, it is noted that the Miami files in certain cases reflected that the file had been transferred to the Tampa Office, and in most of those cases no information was located regarding these individuals.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location of Information

MM T-1 is Report furnished
by [redacted]

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MM T-2 is [redacted]

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MM T-3 is PCI [redacted]
[redacted] (Tampa Office)

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MM T-4 is [redacted]

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MM T-5 is CS [redacted]
[redacted] (Tampa Office)

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MM T-6 is Former [redacted]

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MM T-7 is [redacted]

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MM T-8 is Anonymous Source

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MM T-10 is [redacted]

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Identity of SourceLocation of Information

MM T-11 is [redacted]
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captioned [redacted]
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MM T-12 is [redacted] (Former)

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MM T-13 is [redacted]

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MM T-15 is Former [redacted]

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed, and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the informants must be concealed.

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Title:

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

Character:

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
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Synopsis:

MM T-1 advised on 11/7/60 that Tampa organization of "July 26th Movement" second in stature in planned infiltration of U.S. by Cuban "Red agents". July 26 Movement, Tampa, Fla., founded in 11/55 on occasion of visit to Tampa by FIDEL CASTRO, leader of July 26 Movement. CASTRO stated purpose of Movement to remove BATISTA Government and restore liberty and democratic government to Cuban people. VICTORIANO MANTEIGA named to head Tampa Club in 11/55. Total of \$191.02 collected at meeting 11/27/55. MANTEIGA advised in 4/56 no July 26 Club then in existence in Tampa, but that he and 3 others met weekly at office of his newspaper, Spanish weekly "La Gaceta", and contributed \$1. per week each for support of CASTRO in Mexico. Stated RAUL VILLAMIA then acting as Secretary-Treasurer. MM T-1 said no "real and positive action" inside this organization until 1957. Said "real revolutionary activities began" 10/15/57 with Comité de Ayuda a la Liberación Cubana (Committee to Aid Cuban Liberation) (CALC) which included leaders from July 26 Movement and other groups. MM T-3 advised first activity in 1957 on behalf of FIDEL CASTRO took place in Tampa on 6/30/57. July 26 Club members reported to have picketed Cuban Consulate on 7/25/57 per "Tampa Tribune", 7/26/57. "Diario Las Americas", Miami Spanish daily newspaper, published letter from VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, 9/25/57, in which he stated he was then President

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SYNOPSIS (cont.)

of July 26 Movement of Tampa. Dr. GARCIA MENENDEZ advised 12/57 that Central Committee for Revolutionary Unity formed 10/57 to unite Cubans opposed to BATISTA, and included members of 26 of July Movement. VICTORIANO MANTEIGA advised 11/57 that July 26 Movement, Tampa, had been split and that other groups headed by Dr. GARCIA MEMENDEZ, ANIBAL VELAZ and RAUL VIANA joined Committee for Revolutionary Unity. MANTEIGA advised on 2/13/58 he believed Committee for Revolutionary Unity had died and that he had resigned as President of July 26 Movement of Tampa. "La Gaceta", 1/17/58, listed Dr. EDUARDO V. MIJARES PUJALS as President. MM T-3 advised 3/58 that July 26 Movement activity had come to standstill. July 26 Club demonstration by 8 persons held 12/31/58, downtown Tampa. MM T-1 advised CALC dissolved by CASTRO after fall of BATISTA 1/1/59, and July 26 Club reinstated with FELIPE JIMENEZ as President. Said VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, although appearing retired, is President. "La Gaceta" reported meetings of July 26 Club, Tampa, in August and October, 1959, with CARLOS CARBONELL listed as Secretary. The 2/26/60 issue of "La Gaceta" lists VICTORIANO MANTEIGA as President. MM T-1 alleged all officers and members of July 26 Club of Tampa "are active Communist Party members or agents of CASTRO's G-2 Organization", and furnished "list of members of Communist cell inside the '26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida." Available information re names listed by MM T-1 set forth. MM T-13 advised that as of 2/3/58 there were 7 CP members in Tampa. Status under Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, set forth.

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DETAILS:

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All information in this report attributed to MM T-1 was received by MM T-1 from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Information was received from MM T-1 on November 7, 1960.

According to MM T-1, the "July 26th Movement" organization in Tampa, Florida, is second in stature in the United States, and first in Florida, in the planned Communist infiltration of the United States by Cuban "Red agents". This is attributed to the large Cuban and inter-related Spanish-Latin colony in Tampa consisting primarily of elements of the "lower social classes or the working class, the ones that give most of their members to the Communist movement throughout the world...", and to the pressure exerted by the "powerful Spanish Commies of Tampa - the oldtimers of the Spanish Civil War - who have remained in obscurity throughout the years, but, who, now, when ordered by the leaders of International Communism rallied around the Cuban Communist Revolutionary Group."

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I. ORIGIN OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, November, 1955, to Mid-1957

MM T-1 advised that in 1955, FIDEL CASTRO was in exile in Mexico, and was ordered by General ALBERTO BAYO to visit cities in the United States having a large Latin population, such as New York, Tampa and Miami, to establish 26 of July Movement clubs, which would eventually become an "organized Communist nucleus inside the United States". In connection with the organization of the Tampa club, General BAYO furnished CASTRO with the names of two men, VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, publisher of Spanish newspaper "La Gaceta", and Dr. JORGE A. XTRELLES, owner of Dr. Trelles Clinic, Inc. These individuals were contacted

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by emissaries of CASTRO one week prior to his arrival in Tampa. When he reached Tampa, CASTRO was to personally choose one of these individuals to become organizer and head of the July 26 Movement in Tampa. CASTRO subsequently visited Dr. TRELLES, but TRELLES refused the post, not due to any disagreement, but because he was already head of another political organization, Organizacion Autentica, the militant division of the Authentic Party whose head was CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba, overthrown by BATISTA in March, 1952. CASTRO then approached VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who accepted the position.

MM T-1 advised that on November 25, 1955, a Patriotic Club of the 26 of July Movement was formed at the Union Club, 19th Street and 12th Avenue, Tampa, Fla with officers as follows:

1. VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, President
2. RAUL VILLAMIA, Secretary
3. FLORENTINO SANTOS, Treasurer
4. CARLOS CARBONELL, Chief of Publications.

Regarding General ALBERTO BAYO, mentioned above, it is noted that on July 8, 1957, EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, then Cuban Consul General in Miami, Florida, advised that General BAYO was born March 28, 1892, at Camaguay, Cuba, but later went to Spain, where he served with the Spanish Republican (Loyalists) Army, and following the defeat of that army by forces of FRANCISCO FRANCO, BAYO went to Mexico under the sponsorship of LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, described by HERNANDEZ as a Mexican Communist labor leader.

On November 15, 1955, MM T-2, who was at that time a [redacted] Cuba Fla

[redacted] advised that FIDEL CASTRO RUZ arrived in Miami during the preceding week from Mexico City, where he had been attempting to collect funds for the purpose of overthrowing the BATISTA Government in Cuba. MM T-2 said

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that CASTRO claimed to lead an organization known as the Patriotic Clubs of July 26, with a large following in Cuba, and that he planned to organize chapters of this club in Miami and Tampa.

On November 23, 1955, [redacted] Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, advised that FIDEL CASTRO had come to the INS office in Miami, at which time he had been interrogated regarding his status as an alien in the United States. CASTRO, according to [redacted] last entered the United States on October 20, 1955, at San Antonio, Texas. During this interview, CASTRO advised that he entered the United States for the purpose of visiting his son, and at the same time to comply with invitations which Cubans in New York, Miami, Tampa and Key West had made to him for the purpose of explaining to Cubans in the United States the situation in Cuba, as well as his ideas and plans as the leader of the Movement of the 26th of July, 1953. CASTRO said the Movement was so named to commemorate the assassination of 80 young Cubans, who on July 26, 1953, made an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow BATISTA. CASTRO stated that the purpose of the Movement was to remove the BATISTA Government and restore liberty and a democratic system of government to the people of Cuba. He denied that he planned to use force at that time to bring about the downfall of BATISTA, but hoped rather to use the force of public opinion. ✓

CASTRO said that the money collected in the United States was to be used for publicity purposes, and the general fight. He claimed that he had remained within the laws of the United States, and that he planned to give talks in Tampa and Key West, Florida. He stated that while in Tampa he could be reached at the home of VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, [redacted] Director of the "Tampa Gazette", a Spanish language newspaper. ✓

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CASTRO stated at this time that he had never been a member of any organization affiliated with the Communist Party (CP).

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 23, 1955, MM T-2 advised that CASTRO was leaving Miami for Tampa, Florida, on the following day.

The November 26, 1955, issue of the "Tampa Tribune", a Tampa daily newspaper, carried an article entitled "Anti Batista Cuban Comes Here to Seek Revolt Funds", by TOM O'CONNOR, Staff Writer, who stated that CASTRO had come to Tampa under the auspices of a recently formed society in Tampa known as the 26 July Club, provisionally headed by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, publisher of a Spanish language newspaper. CASTRO was quoted as stating, "We will try every legal means to oust the tyrant Batista from Cuba, but failing in that we will take to arms." ✓

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SAs [] and [] attended a meeting of the July 26 Club of Tampa, which was held at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, November 27, 1955, at the CIO Hall, 1226 7th Avenue, Tampa. Among the speakers at this meeting was VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who was introduced as the secretary of the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Tampa. The final speech at this meeting was made by FIDEL CASTRO, who solicited the support of all Cubans who love liberty.

It is noted that on November 29, 1957, the newspaper, "La Gaceta", published a report on the collection which had been taken up at the meeting, which was held two years ago on November 27, 1955, by the July 26 Club of Tampa, at which FIDEL CASTRO spoke. This

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report showed that a total contribution of \$191.02 was received, and that expenses of \$81.00 had been incurred. This report was signed by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA and FIDEL CASTRO.

The masthead of the December 20, 1957, issue of "La Gaceta" reflects that it is a Spanish newspaper published every Friday at 2015 15th Street, Tampa, Florida. The editor and publisher was listed as VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, and the Business Manager as ROLANDO MANTEIGA. Rolando Manteiga

On January 18, 1956, JUAN ORTA CORDOVA was interviewed by Investigator [redacted] at the office of INS, Miami. ORTA identified himself as the President of the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Miami, and stated that this group was affiliated with the July 26 Movement in Cuba, which he said was headed by FIDEL CASTRO. He said that there were other such clubs in the United States, including a club located in Tampa, Florida, but that the Miami club had no connection with any other club in the United States. Fla

MM T-3, a long time resident of Tampa, Florida, with a wide acquaintance among the Spanish speaking people in that city, advised on February 14, 1956, that he had recently [redacted] b6 b7C

He said that MANTEIGA had been named provisional head of the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Tampa, in November, 1955. He said that [redacted] MANTEIGA said that the July 26 Club had had little activity in Tampa, but that there were several people who contributed \$1.00 per week each to the club, which money was going for the support of FIDEL CASTRO and his group in Mexico. b7D

T-3 advised on April 27, 1956, that he had made inquiries among many of his acquaintances of Cuban origin in Tampa, and that nobody seemed to know anything about the Tampa July 26 Club. He stated that in his opinion the club at that time was either non-existent or inactive.

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VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, 2015 15th Street, Tampa, Florida, editor of "La Gaceta", advised on April 26, 1956, that at that time there was actually no July 26 Club in existence in Tampa. He said that he first met FIDEL CASTRO when CASTRO came to Tampa in November, 1955, and that he was sympathetic with what CASTRO was trying to do just as he was sympathetic to all opposition to the dictatorship of BATISTA in Cuba. MANTEIGA said that CASTRO made the announcement in Tampa that a club was being founded, and that he had wanted to make it appear that he had substantial backing in Tampa, as well as elsewhere in the United States. MANTEIGA stated, however, that the people of Tampa had not responded to CASTRO's appeal sufficiently to establish a club.

MANTEIGA said that he and three other persons met each Sunday at 11:00 A.M. in the office of "La Gaceta", and each contributed \$1.00 per week. He said that the other three persons who had been attending these Sunday meetings were [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that they had no officers with the exception of [redacted]

[redacted] He recalled at the last meeting [redacted] had reported a total collection of \$42.00 which money remained in the treasury. He said that this money was contributed for the support of CASTRO in Mexico.

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MANTEIGA advised that the Tampa group had no contact with any other Patriotic Club of July 26 in the United States, nor with any organized group in Cuba. He said he was aware that there was a large club in Miami, where there was a large colony of Cubans. MANTEIGA said that the president of the Miami club was JUAN CHEDA,
Florida

The May 2, 1957, issue of "Diario Las Americas", a Spanish language daily newspaper published in Miami, Florida, contained an article announcing that a meeting of the July 26 Club of Miami was to be held on May 4, 1957.

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and that the speakers would include VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, Director of "La Gaceta" of Tampa and president of the July 26 Movement in that city.

MM T-4, a person who was well informed concerning certain Cuban agents, and concerning some counter-revolutionary activities in the Miami area, advised on May 7, 1957, that a meeting of the July 26 Club of Miami was held on May 4, 1957, at 215 N.W. 4th Street, Miami. He said that about 60 persons were present at this meeting, and that among the speakers was VICTORIANO MANTEIGA of Tampa, who commented on the atrocities of the BATISTA regime, and stated that in Cuba there would be no peace until BATISTA disappeared from the scene.

MM T-4 advised on July 15, 1957, that he had attended a meeting of the July 26 Movement of Miami on July 13, 1957. The final speaker of the evening was VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who stated that two weeks previously a successful meeting had been held in Tampa of the July 26 organization in that city, and that they were uniting because "in union there is strength".

II. STATUS OF JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF TAMPA, Mid-1957 to December 31, 1958

MM T-1 advised that following the creation of the July 26 Club of Tampa in 1955, and until 1957, there was no "real and positive action inside this organization" because FIDEL CASTRO was still unknown and had not yet received the support of "International Communism". MM T-1 said that on October 15, 1957, in Tampa, the "real revolutionary activities began". "All revolutionary leaders of the different organizations" met, including the July 26 Movement, Authentic Organization (OA), and Revolutionary Directory, and numerous other little groups, at the Clinic of Dr. TRELLES, and formed the Comite de Ayuda a la Liberacion de Cuba (Committee to Aid Cuban Liberation) (CALC).

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Organization *authentic*
The CA was represented by Dr. TRELLES and
ROBERTO DELLOS RIOS, the Revolutionary Directory by
VICTOR FERRE LOPEZ and MARIO ENCINOSA, and the July
26 Movement by RAUL VIANA, ANIBAL VELAS and Dr. FRANCISCO
GARCIA MENENDEZ. *Representatives of July 26*
Movement Tampa, Fla.

MM T-1 said that CALC "did a remarkable job --
from selling bonds to the sending of medicines, armaments,
distribution of propaganda for FIDEL CASTRO, and the
aid of Cuban Communists persecuted by the BATIS regime.
Dr. TRELLES' Clinic was the center of operation of this
organization."

MM T-1 also alleged [redacted]

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MM T-5, [redacted]

[redacted] advised on December 7, 1950, that [redacted]

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[redacted] Florida, and that [redacted] was patronized by
many Communists. MM T-5 said that [redacted] was at one
time an [redacted]

[redacted] in Tampa,
Florida, in 1948.

The newspaper, "La Gaceta", issue of June 28,
1957, reported that a meeting of Revolutionary Unity had
been held the past Sunday at the Flagler Theater in
Miami, Florida. This article related that the Tampa
delegation to this meeting was composed of VICTORIANO
MANTEIGA, FLORENTINO SANTOS, RAUL VILLAMIA, CARLOS
CARBONELL, and his son, and ENRIQUE SOMEILLAN. *File*

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The "Tampa Tribune" issue of July 1, 1957, contained an article captioned "BATISTA Fought Rally Here, Aid Rebels".

It was stated that "some 200 Tampans of Latin extraction and a scattering of Cuban exiles-heard speakers whip up support here yesterday for Cuban Revolutionary Leader FIDEL CASTRO, who is opposing the regime of President BATISTA." The article stated that JACINTO VASQUEZ, President of the July 26 Club of Miami, and VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who was described as the Tampa leader for CASTRO, addressed the meeting. The article stated that MANTEIGA had said that the Cuban people were asking citizens of the United States "only for fair play and not intervention." It was stated that the audience contributed an estimated \$250.00 to help CASTRO. (u) b6

On July 16, 1957, MM T-3 advised that he had not attended the meeting of June 30, 1957 in Tampa, but that he had learned from [redacted] that the main purpose of the meeting was to stimulate interest in behalf of CASTRO and to collect funds. b6
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MM T-3 said that this meeting was the first activity conducted on behalf of CASTRO in Tampa in 1957, and that he knew of no activity on the part of the July 26 Movement Club in Tampa.

It is noted that on June 24, 1957, VICTORIANO MANTEIGA advised SA [redacted] that a meeting was to be held by supporters of FIDEL CASTRO in Tampa on June 30, 1957, and that this activity would be the first such activity in Tampa since CASTRO, himself, had spoken there. MANTEIGA stated that in reality there was no July 26 Movement Club in existence in Tampa due to public apathy.

MM T-3 advised on July 18, 1957, that the July 26 Club of Tampa had been active in distributing leaflets on that date at the cigar factory of Perfecto Garcia and

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Brothers Company. He said that these leaflets appealed to those workers who had "helped the Spanish Republic when it was attacked by International Fascism" to assist the youth of Cuba and FIDEL CASTRO in returning Cuba to "its liberty". The leaflet was signed "For the 26th of July Club of Tampa, VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, President, RAUL VILLAMIA, Secretary," and was dated July, 1957.

The "Tampa Tribune" issue of July 26, 1957, contained an article captioned "Cubans Place Pickets at Consulate". This article stated that "members of the July 26 Club, sympathizers with the Cuban revolutionists, yesterday set up picket lines in front of the Cuban Consulate Office in downtown Tampa".

The article related that VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, President of the July 26 Club, had stated that members were also collecting donations throughout Tampa to assist some 50 or 60 Cuban youths exiled in Tampa and unable to get work. The article stated that the picketers carried placards attacking BATISTA, and identifying themselves as July 26 Club members.

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The September 25, 1957, issue of "Diario Las Americas", in its column entitled "Reloj", published a letter from VICTORIANO MANTEIGA in which MANTEIGA stated that he was then the president of the July 26 Movement of Tampa, and that he had been appointed by FIDEL CASTRO personally.

On October 7, 1957, [redacted] previously mentioned, made available to SA [redacted] a leaflet which stated as follows: "Join the 'July 26th Movement' by becoming a member of the 'July 26th Patriotic Club of Tampa'." This leaflet stated that in order to join this club people could apply at the newspaper "La Gaceta" at 10th Avenue and 15th Street in Ybor City, and that anyone who wished to contribute financial assistance could do so by mailing their contribution to that address.

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[redacted] stated that the above-mentioned leaflet was one of a number which had been distributed in Miami by persons unknown to him.

On December 17, 1957, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the Central Committee for Revolutionary Unity had been formed in October, 1957, in Tampa by from 10 to 15 persons, members of several different organizations opposed to the administration of BATISTA in Cuba. He said that the purpose of the Committee was to give an "aspect of unity" to the Cubans opposed to BATISTA. [redacted] said that he did not remember the names of all who participated in the formation of this Committee, but that among them were [redacted] VICTOR FERRER, ANIBAL VELAZ, RODOLFO VAZQUEZ, and RAUL VIANA.

[redacted] participated in the founding of the Committee as an individual, but not as a representative of any group.

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He said that [redacted]

[redacted] this group then consisted of from 10 to 12 members who meet at 8:00 P.M. each Monday at 1924 East Broadway, Tampa. He stated that these were essentially the same persons who formed the Committee for Revolutionary Unity, with the exception of [redacted] and VICTOR FERRER, neither of whom belonged to the 26 of July Movement. [redacted] stated that VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who calls himself President of the 26th of July Movement, was the President when the organization was first formed about two years ago. [redacted] stated, however, that the organization had been completely inactive, and that he, himself, had never personally met MANTEIGA. He also identified [redacted] and [redacted] as other members of the July 26th Movement.

It is noted that the "Diario Las Americas" issue of October 10, 1957, carried an announcement in the

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column "Reloj" that a ~~Committee~~ Committee for Revolutionary Unity had been established in Tampa, Florida, with VICTOR FERRER, Dr. FRANCISCO GARCIA MENENDEZ, and Dr. JORGE TRELLES as officers. It was stated that the purpose of this Committee was to unite the various factions of the Revolutionary Movement.

On November 18, 1957, VICTORIANO MANTEIGA was interviewed at his office, 2015 15th Street, Tampa, by SA [] stated that he continued to act as President of the 26 of July Movement in Tampa, although the Movement had been split in two. He stated that the other group was headed by Dr. FRANCISCO GARCIA MENENDEZ, ANIBAL VELAZ and RAUL VIANA. MANTEIGA said that he had no respect for and did not wish to associate with the other group as their purpose was only to create "a fuss". MANTEIGA said that he and his associates in the July 26 Movement had had no part in the Tampa Committee for Revolutionary Unity, but that the GARCIA MENENDEZ faction had joined that Committee.

On January 17, 1958, VICTOR FERRER LOPEZ, [] [] Tampa, advised SA [] that he, as head of the Revolutionary Directory in Tampa, had participated in the founding of the Central Committee for Revolutionary Unity in October, 1957. He said that this Committee was composed of representatives from the various revolutionary groups, and that the faction representing the 26 of July Club consisted of Dr. GARCIA MENENDEZ, RAUL VIANA and Dr. VIRGILIO JACAS. FERRER stated that the sole purpose of the Committee was for the dissemination of propaganda. He said that the original manifesto of the Committee was published in book form and printed in a book shop located on 15th Street opposite the Gonzalez Clinic. He said that he believed the arrangements for the printing had been handled by [] a member of the 26 of July Club, and [] FERRER also stated that other leaflets had been published for the Committee by the ABC Printing Company located in the 1700 block on 28th Avenue. He said that he recalled one of these leaflets had called on the people in Tampa to unite in

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opposition to BATISTA, and that another asked people to cooperate with the Committee in the sale of bonds.

On January 24, 1958, Dr. JORGE TRELLES, owner and operator of the Trelles Clinic, 1612 Eighth Avenue, Tampa, advised SA [] that he had assisted in the founding of the Central Committee for Revolutionary Unity, and that he had actually written the original manifesto. He said that in addition to the Authentic Organization, of which he said he was a member, the Committee was represented by members of the 26th of July Club and the Revolutionary Directory.

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On February 13, 1958, VICTORIANO MANTIEGA was reinterviewed by SA [] at which time he stated that he had never taken part in the Committee for Revolutionary Unity, and that it was his belief that the Committee had been specifically repudiated by FIDEL CASTRO and had died. MANTIEGA said that he had resigned as President of the July 26 Movement of Tampa, and that he no longer was attending any meetings. He stated that he was personally disgusted with the so-called revolutionary activities because everyone interested had been soliciting contributions individually, and each wanted to be head of his own organization. He said that as a result the people of Tampa had no confidence in any of these organizations.

"La Gaceta" issue of January 17, 1958, on page 11 published a letter addressed to the director of that paper, which stated that "we are sending you the following declarations formulated by the July 26 Revolutionary Club of Tampa". This letter goes on to state that the decisions of the National Director of the July 26 Movement are to be followed without discussion or argument. It asked that all members and sympathizers who were not then in Cuba shedding blood to assist the Movement economically. This letter was signed by the Executive Committee of the 26 of July Revolutionary Movement of Tampa, and listed Dr. EDUARDO V. MIJARES PUJALS as President and

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July 26 Club Tampa
VIRGILIO JACAS ~~QUINTANA~~ as Secretary General. In a comment ~~Florida~~ on the letter, "La Gaceta" stated that it applauded statements of the Executive Committee representing the July 26 Club of Tampa, and mentioned that the director of "La Gaceta" had presided over that club until a few weeks ago.

On February 12, 1958, VICTOR FERRER LOPEZ was recontacted by SA [] and advised that at that time there was no organized revolutionary activity in Tampa due to the dissention within the July 26 Movement. He said that one club headed by Dr. GARCIA MENENDEZ had broken off from the original organization, and that to that date all efforts to resolve their differences had been unsuccessful.

On March 11, 1958, MM T-3 advised that in recent weeks the activity of the July 26 Movement in Tampa had come to a standstill with the exception of the distribution on March 8, 1958, of some circulars over the signature of the "Directing Committee, Patriotic Club of July 26 of Tampa", which appealed for contributions. b6
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On December 21, 1958, MM T-3 advised that the July 26 Patriotic Club of Tampa had made plans to stage a demonstration on that date at 15th Street and 10th Avenue in Tampa to protest the bombing of the civilian population of Cuba by BATISTA.

At approximately 4:30 P.M., on December 31, 1958, SA [] observed a group of eight pickets parading back and forth on the sidewalk in front of the U.S. Post Office Building in downtown Tampa. These individuals carried placards identifying themselves as representatives of the July 26 Patriotic Club of Tampa, and protesting the bombing of Cuban civilians by Batista.

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III. STATUS OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF TAMPA
January 1, 1959, to May 31, 1960

MM T-1 advised that following the fall of the BATISTA regime "a number of figures of the July 26 Movement of Tampa were given important positions in the new Communist regime." MM T-1 also advised that the CALC was dissolved by order of CASTRO, and that the Patriotic Club of July 26 came back into existence with the following officers:

Tampa, Florida
President - FELIPE VIMENEZ "INDIO"
Vice President - MANUEL MIGUEL
Secretary - RAUL VILLAMIA
Treasurer - GUSTAVO MORAN
Head of Publicity - RAMON SANCHEZ

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Cuba

According to MM T-1, however, "the president of this organization is VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, although he appears retired from political activity."

It is noted that the government of FULGENCIO BATISTA was overthrown on January 1, 1959, and the forces of FIDEL CASTRO assumed control of the Cuban Government.

On January 3, 1959, Inspector [redacted] Chief of the Tampa Police Department Detective Bureau, advised SA STEPHEN J. LABADIE that on January 2, 1959, Tampa leaders of the July 26 Movement had been notified by the police that continuous police protection was being provided for the Cuban Consulate until such time as there had been a peaceful change in the Consulate. He said that the leaders of the July 26 Movement, RAUL VILLAMIA and GUS RANDCLIFFE, had agreed that they would take over the Consulate without force or firearms.

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Tampa, Fla.

The "Tampa Tribune" for January 5, 1959, contained an article and photographs under the caption "Tampa Followers of Castro Make Peaceful Invasion of Cuban Consulate Here". The article indicated that RAUL VILLAMIA, described as the local CASTRO leader, and GUILLERMO BOLIVAR had reached an agreement on joint occupancy of the Cuban Consulate until such time as the new Consul General had been named. The photograph accompanying this article showed four individuals at the Consulate, and described them as FIDEL CASTRO supporters. These four were identified as RAUL VILLAMIA, JUAN PEREZ, CARLOS SUREDA and JUAN TORRES. *FL*

The "Tampa Tribune" for January 21, 1959, contained an article captioned "Two Rivals Still Share Cuban Consul Office Here". The article said that the Cuban Consulate in Tampa was still suspended between CASTRO and BATISTA, and that after a great deal of argument, but no violence, it had been agreed that the incumbent, GUILLERMO BOLIVAR, and RAUL VILLAMIA, representative of the 26 or July Group, would continue sharing the office until official word had been received from Cuba.

The April 8, 1959, issue of "Diario Las Americas" contained an article captioned "Cuba and the United States". This article consisted of a letter to that paper from the "Committee to Aid the Cuban Revolution" located in Tampa, Florida. This letter defended the Cuban revolution and CASTRO as an example of liberty, justice and dignity, and took exception to attacks on Cuba by the press in the United States and Latin America. This letter was signed for the Committee by the following: *members*

CP members

Dr. M. AGUERO, President
RAUL MORAN, Vice-President
ROBERTO DE LOS RIOS, Secretary
ENRIQUE MENDOZA, Organizing Secretary
ENRIQUE SOMEILLAN, Publicity
FELIPE JIMENEZ, member at large
FLORENTINO SANCHEZ, member at large
MARTA MENDOZA, member at large, and
JOE ALVAREZ, member at large.

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It is noted that MM T-1 furnished a "List of Members of the Communist Cell inside 'The 26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida." In this list, which is set forth, beginning on page 20 of this report, MMT-1 has set forth the names of several of the above-mentioned individuals. He describes ENRIQUE MENDOZA, MARTA MENDOZA, and JOE ALVAREZ as CP members, and FELIPE JIMENEZ as "Head of the D. I. E. R. in Tampa". DIER is the Department of Investigations of the Revolutionary Army.

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"La Gaceta" issue of August 7, 1959, contained an article reporting that a meeting of the July 26 Patriotic Club of Tampa took place on the preceding Tuesday. This article mentioned that the club had accepted the resignation of one member, and dissolved the membership of another.

The issue stated that the club was disposed to cooperate with those Cuban groups which accept with absolute sincerity the postulates of the revolution.

It was indicated that the information regarding this meeting had been received from [redacted]
[redacted]

The October 16, 1959, issue of "La Gaceta" carried an article reflecting that a meeting of the 26 of July Movement of Tampa had been held the previous Tuesday. The article related that a Committee of the club had advised that they had carried out the agreement to plant rose bushes at Jose Marti Park, and that "Live Free Cuba" posters had been distributed in various parts of the city. It was stated that two new members who had previously been investigated, had joined the group. The information had been furnished by [redacted]
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The February 26, 1960, issue of "La Gaceta" contained an article captioned "Secretary of July 26 Movement Miami Pays A Visit". The article related that JUAN RODRIGUEZ, the secretary of the July 26 Movement of Miami, had recently visited the office of "La Gaceta" and the headquarters of the July 26 Movement in Tampa. It was stated that he attended a meeting at the Tampa Office of the July 26 Movement, and that he had made a speech to the members. The article related that comments regarding the speech of RODRIGUEZ were also made by the President, VICTORIANO MANTEIGA.

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On May 2, 1960, [redacted] INS, Miami, made available lists of passengers aboard Cubana Airlines Flights 809 and 811 of April 29, 1960, and Flight 811 of April 30, 1960. These flights were all destined to Havana. Included in the names which appear on these lists was that of VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, [redacted] Tampa, a United States citizen.

It is noted that on April 25, 1960, MM T-6, a person who is acquainted with numerous Cubans in the Miami area, advised that the 26 of July Club of Miami, chartered several Cubana Airlines flights to Havana on April 29, 1960, and that the individuals making these flights were going to Havana to attend the May Day Celebration there.

MM T-7, a Cuban who [redacted] [redacted] advised on November 29, 1960, that the July 26 Club of Tampa and the July 26 Club of Miami have never had a close affiliation. He said that the Tampa club's principal activities in the past have consisted of pro-CASTRO propaganda and fund collecting, but that this club has never been highly regarded by members of the Miami 26 of July Club. He said that this is due to the fact that the Tampa club has been the victim of frequent disagreements among club members, as well as with the Cuban Consulate in Tampa. As an example, MM T-7 cited a situation which developed in February, 1960, in connection with a celebration planned by the 26 of July Club in Tampa, for February 28, 1960, to commemorate the Cuban hero, [redacted] RENE DECHARD, the Cuban Consul in Tampa, would only agree to participate in this celebration if the July 26 Club of Tampa did not. MM T-7 said that he [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that he believes that MANTEIGA is still president of the July 26 Club of Tampa.

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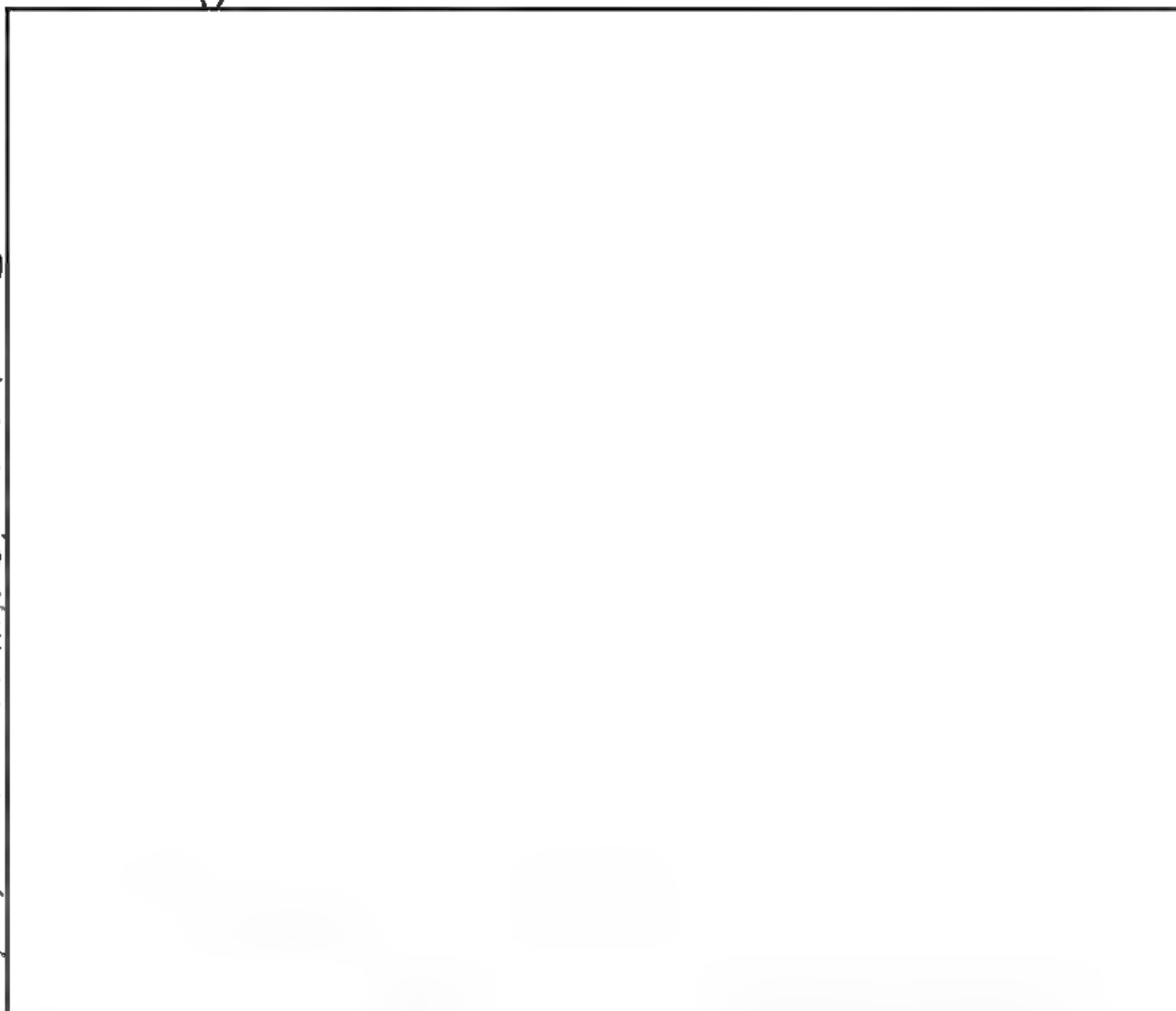
IV. ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF TAMPA

MM T-1 furnished the following list, which he described as a "list of members of the Communist cell inside the '26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida."

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Number of Non-Resident
Inside July 26 - Movement
Tampa, Florida

Regarding [redacted] MM T-8 advised in 1945 that the name [redacted] Florida, appeared on a list of subscribers to the "Worker". It was indicated that [redacted] subscription expired as of May, 1944.

Regarding [redacted] it is noted that the September, 1957, issue of "La Prensa", a Spanish language daily newspaper published in New York City, contained an article on page two captioned "July 26th Movement is Unified Here." This article stated that on September 8,

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1957, the organizations known as the Democratic Labor Committee, the Cuban Civic Committee, and the Orthodox Committee had been united to form a single organization to be known as the July 26 Revolutionary Movement. The article set forth a list of individuals who were elected as secretaries of the new organization, and included in this list was the name [redacted]

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[redacted] It is not known whether this [redacted] is identical to the person mentioned by MM T-1.

Regarding [redacted] MM T-9 advised on July 9, 1960, that the name [redacted] was then listed as a member of the July 26 Club of Miami.

Regarding [redacted] it is noted that MM T-15 advised on February 6, 1955, that on December 13, 1954, information had been received that [redacted] Florida, had been a subscriber to the "Proletarian News", but that his subscription had lapsed.

The masthead of the "Proletarian News" states that it is the official organ of the Proletarian Party of American (PPA).

The PPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Regarding [redacted] it is noted that MM T-10, a person who is familiar with some CP activities and personalities in the Tampa area, advised in early 1945 that [redacted] Tampa, was then a member of the Tampa section of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF).

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Regarding [redacted] it is noted that MM T-11, a confidential source abroad, advised on July 26, 1944,

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Regarding [redacted] it is noted that on October 12, 1949, MM T-12 made available information reflecting that [redacted] Tampa, was listed as a subscriber to "The Worker" in 1949.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

Regarding VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, it is noted that the Office of Naval Intelligence, 6th Naval District, by letter dated August, 1940, furnished a list of persons who were suspected of being Communists. Included among the names appearing on this list was VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, [redacted] Florida. MANTEIGA was described as the publisher of a Spanish newspaper and as a rabid Communist, who had kept the Spanish element in Tampa in a turmoil for years. It was stated he had been the leader of a group of radicals who were active in obtaining funds for the Loyalists in Spain, and that [redacted]

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[redacted] It was stated that at that time he was continuing to agitate among the Spanish element in Tampa.

MM T-13 advised on May 20, 1959, that as of February and March, 1958, there were 36 CP members in the State of Florida, and that of those 36, there were seven CP members in Tampa.

On March 10, 1960, MM T-14 advised that at that time there was no CP activity as such in Florida, although there were isolated groups and individuals who from time to time would contribute to the CP, but not as a part of any organized movement or club.

It is noted MM T-1 stated all officers and members of July 26 Club of Tampa "are active CP members or agents of CASTRO's G-2 Organization".

MM T-7 advised on November 29, 1960, that he was in possession of no information indicating that the members of the July 26 Club of Tampa were actually members of the CP or that they were operating as agents of DIER (Department of Investigations of the Revolutionary Army).

V. STATUS UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1948, AS AMENDED

On May 8, 1957, [redacted] [redacted] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., made available for review by SA LIONEL E. BELANGER, registration statement number 998, filed on February 6, 1957, by the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Miami, Florida, pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. The following notation appeared on this statement:

"All answers apply to former activities of registrant - inactive since August 1, 1956."

According to this statement, the organization was created in approximately November, 1955, in Florida, and was a voluntary group with approximately 100 members in the United States. The address of the principal office was 2334 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, and JUAN V. CHEDA was listed as the person in charge of the office. The names of the foreign principals of the registrant were as follows:

1. Underground: Nameless groups in Cuba sympathetic to restoring liberty and constitutional government to Cuba.
2. FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, address unknown.

This statement also listed three branch or local units of the registrant together with the name of the person in charge. One of these three was the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Tampa, Florida, and VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, [redacted] [redacted] Tampa, Florida, was listed as President.

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On November 10, 1959, the Registration Section of the Department of Justice advised that information received indicated that the Patriotic Club of July 26 of Miami had suspended operations as of January, 1959, and that the leaders had returned to Cuba. Therefore, the registration number 998 of the club was being marked terminated as of January 1, 1959, the date of the change of government in Cuba.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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DEC 5 - 1960

RE: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT,
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

All sources mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of the following:

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MM T-7, a source with whom insufficient contact has been had to make a determination as to reliability, but who is in an excellent position to furnish reliable information.

MM T-8, MM T-9 and MM T-13, who were in a position to obtain the information furnished.

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ROT SAC, Miami (File 105-2374)

SUBJECT:

JULY 26 MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLA.
IS- CUBA; RA - CUBA

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: TO REACH BUREAU 12/6/60

Reason for the delinquency: REPORT CORRECTED + READY
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Director, FBI (File 97-4455-2) DATE: 11/30/60

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

JULY 26 MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA
RA - CUBA ; IS - CUBA

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 12/1/60

Reason for the delinquency:

NECESSITY TO OBTAIN INFORMANT EVALUATION INFORMATION
AND INTERVIEW A. GONZALEZ, PAST PRESIDENT 7/26 CLUB, MIAMI.
REPORT HAS BEEN DICTATED, AWAITING TRANSCRIPTION.
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FROM SAC, TAMPA /105- NEW/ 1 P
July Twenty-SIX Club, Tampa Fla.
JOSE VAZQUEZ BLANCO, AKA, IS DASH CUBA, RE MIAMI TEL TODAY.

(C) TAMPA IN AIRTEL DATED SIXTEENTH INSTANT BUREAU, AND ABOVE OFFICES
WERE FURNISHED INFO RECEIVED EVENING NOVEMBER FOURTEEN FROM PSI

(C) [REDACTED] TAMPA, THAT VAZQUEZ IS IN MAIMI AND EXPECTS TO
COME TO TAMPA THURSDAY NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH WITH CONSUL GENERAL
EDELBERTO DIAZ ALVAREZ. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE WANTS TO MEET

PRO CASTRO PEOPLE IN TAMPA AND FIND OUT WHY TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY

(C) MOVEMENT IN TAMPA IS DEAD. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN TAMPA TWO DAYS

AND WILL RETURN TO CUBA SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED

VAZQUEZ AS INSPECTOR OF ALL CONSULATES IN UNITED STATES AND EMPLOYED

OF CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK BUT SAID HE WILL NOT RETURN TO

(C) NEW YORK FROM CUBA, EXPECTS INSTEAD TO BE SENT TO SOUTH AMERICA

TO ORGANIZE ANTI DASH AMERICAN AND PRO DASH CASTRO MOVEMENTS.

[REDACTED] SAID HE ALERTED [REDACTED] WHO HAS [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-2374)

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT,
 TAMPA, FLORIDA
 IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa 11/10/60, and report of
 SA [redacted] dated 12/5/60 at Miami.

Based on a review of all pertinent references, as
 well as interview with [redacted]
 [redacted] there has apparently been
 only limited liaison between the Tampa and Miami Clubs of
 the July 26th Movement in the past. Furthermore, there is no
 reason to believe that the activity of the Tampa Club in the
 field of propaganda and fund collective, have been at all
 extensive.

It is noted that [redacted] in his report, follows the
 customary procedure utilized by many [redacted]

While it is not
 being implied that the information furnished by [redacted] is
 totally inaccurate, it does appear that in many instances
 [redacted] has made these allegations based on the premise that
 to support CASTRO is to indicate Communist affiliation or
 sympathy. It would appear that [redacted] information relating

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to the formation and early development of the Tampa July 26th Club is essentially accurate as to the individuals involved and the times mentioned.

Based on information available in Miami files, it has not been possible to substantiate allegations of CP membership or sympathy on the part of most of those mentioned.

A review of Miami file 100-800, which file covered the CP of Tampa, does not support [redacted] allegations of CP membership. As of February and March, 1958, there were only seven members of the CP, USA, known to be in Tampa. Based on previous descriptive data obtained from CP registrations, it was believed that the seven CP members were as follows:

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The only one of the six names mentioned above which may be identical with any of those mentioned by [redacted] is the name [redacted] possibly identical with [redacted]

The entire file re [redacted] was transferred from Miami to Tampa, and no additional identifying information regarding [redacted] was located in Miami files.

It, therefore, seems possible that [redacted] for reasons of his own, has given an exaggerated version of the July 26 Club of Tampa. It is known that [redacted]
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Miami will remain alert for any pertinent information relating to the Tampa 26th of July Movement, and same will be promptly furnished to the Tampa Office.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82024)

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FROM : SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

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Bureau authority is requested for use of following
Characterization of captioned organization. The first
source referred to in the second paragraph below is PSI

The other source mentioned is PSI

According to an editorial appearing Sept. 30, 1960, in La Gaceta, a Spanish Language weekly newspaper published at Tampa, Florida, by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, the 26th of July Club of Tampa was founded November 27, 1955, in Tampa in the presence of Dr. FIDEL CASTRO, and while CASTRO was fighting in Cuba, issued propaganda and collected donations for the revolutionaries. According to other articles appearing in this newspaper and source in a position to know, MANTEIGA was president and directed this Club, variously known as the 26th of July Club, 26th of July Movement and other variations and translations, for a number of years. The Club maintains headquarters at 1318 9th Street, Tampa.

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A source in a position to know advised that after CASTRO gained power in Cuba, a number of persons active in the Tampa 26th of July Club returned to Cuba and assumed positions of varying importance in the CASTRO government. Thereafter, according to another source who has furnished reliable information in the past, the Tampa Club diminished in size, importance and activity, and the only activity noted in recent months has been the publication in La Gaceta of releases by

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

1. Endeavor to locate bank account of subject organization and review same for pertinent information.
2. Follow and report activities of subject organization.
3. If organization continues to function; obtain further identifying data re its members.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as it contains information from TP T-2 and TP T-4 which might reasonably result in identification of informants of continuing value and impair the future effectiveness thereof.

In connection with the list of names attributed to [redacted] which was a part of the enclosure with referenced Bureau airtel, many of the names thereon are known members of the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers, which is the subject of a separate investigation (Bu-file 97-4219). Therefore the pertinent information concerning those individuals is not set out in instant report, but will be included in the next report on the PMT.

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

TP T-1 is [redacted]
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TP T-2 is PSI [redacted]

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TP T-3 is [redacted]
[redacted] Tampa, Florida

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TP T-4 is PSI [redacted]

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TP T-5 is [redacted]

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TP T-7 is [redacted]
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TP T-8 is [redacted]
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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed herein, and T symbols were used only in those instances where identity must be concealed.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: December 10, 1960

Office: TAMPA

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Field Office File #: 97-2

Bureau File #: 105-82024

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT,
TAMPA, FLORIDA

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Synopsis: Persons named by TP T-1 11/7/60 as officers of July 26th Movement in Tampa are identified by Tampa source as officers of a different pro-CASTRO organization known as the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers, except RAUL VILLAMIA who was correctly identified with subject organization. Complete list of officers as of 3/11/60 set out. VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, editor of Spanish-language newspaper "La Gaceta", publicly announced resignation as President of organization in May 1960. Leadership since then exercised by RAUL VILLAMIA as President and CARLOS CARBONELL as Secretary, but they are reported in frequent contact with MANTEIGA and possibly being directed by him. Membership reported at one time around 80 but in spring 1960 totaled 40 and in September 1960 only 6. MARCELINO VILA, former Vice-president, states he resigned in April 1960 when delegate came from Cuba with orders to disband the organization. Informant reported 12/3/60 organization has ceased to exist. Two shipments of old clothes sent to Cuba in May and July 1960. Propaganda allegedly distributed by organization in Tampa described. Announcements on behalf of organization appear in "La Gaceta" over signature of CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary. On 10/21/60 public rally sponsored by July 26 Movement and other pro-CASTRO groups in Tampa, on which occasion the speaker praised FIDEL CASTRO, Cuba, Russia and China while criticizing U. S. policy toward Cuba. Informant reported 9/12/60 that [REDACTED] stated Cuban Government had requested names of all officers and leaders in order to register them under FARA. List of alleged communists in July 26 Movement of Tampa, as furnished by TP T-1, found to have been prepared from a similar list which originated with

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TP T-2, but latter did not identify persons thereon as communists or intelligence agents of Cuban Government and states he has no evidence they are so affiliated. Alleged communist affiliations of VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, JUAN PEREZ, and RAMON RODRIGUEZ set out.

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DETAILS:

All information in this report attributed to TP T-1 was received on November 7, 1960, and TP T-1 advised he had received the information from [REDACTED]

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OFFICERS

TP T-1 advised the Club Patriótico 26 de Julio (26th of July Patriotic Club) of Tampa, has as its officers:

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President	-	FELIPE LYMEÑEZ
Vice-President	-	MANUEL MIGUEL
Secretary	-	RAUL VILLAMIA
Treasurer	-	GUSTAVO MORAN
Head of Publicity	-	RAMON SANCEZ

TP T-1 stated that in reality, however, the President of this organization is VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, although he appears retired from political activity.

TP T-2, a [REDACTED] advised December 8, 1960, that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have never been affiliated with the 26th of July Movement, but are in fact known to him [REDACTED] of a different pro-CASTRO organization known as the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers. A characterization of the latter organization appears in the appendix hereto.

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"La Gaceta", a Spanish-language weekly newspaper at Tampa, is edited and published by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, on March 11, 1960, published the following list of officers of the 26th of July Movement of Tampa: FLA

President	-	VICTORIANO MANTEIGA
Vice-President	-	MARCELINO VILA
Secretary General	-	RAUL VILLAMIA
Recording Secretary	-	CARLOS CARBONELL
Propaganda Secretary	-	RAY DELGADO
Secretary of Order and Discipline	-	CRISTO PEREZ
Assistant Recording Secretary	-	HUMBERTO BAEZ
Assistant Secretary of Order and Discipline	-	ALBERTO NUNEZ BORDON

The "Tampa Tribune", a daily newspaper, Tampa, Florida, on May 13, 1960, contained a news story to the effect that VICTORIANO MANTEIGA had resigned as President of the 26th of July organization in Tampa, shortly after he returned from May Day demonstrations in Havana. The story said ill health and the press of business were given as reasons for MANTEIGA's resignation, but it was added that he had stepped down in the wake of reports that United States Immigration and Customs Officials had intensified questioning of persons returning to the United States from Cuba.

TP T-2 stated on December 8, 1960, that since MANTEIGA's resignation, RAUL VILLAMIA has been identified as President, and CARLOS CARBONELL as Secretary of the 26th of July Movement. He added that in recent weeks the name of VILLAMIA has not appeared in connection with publicity for this organization, but only that of CARBONELL, the secretary. TP T-2 also expressed the belief that MANTEIGA continues to be the real leader of the 26th of July Movement, and he stated the reason for this belief is that both VILLAMIA and CARBONELL are seen almost daily visiting MANTEIGA in the offices of "La Gaceta".

TP T-3, who is also a [redacted] b7D [redacted] Tampa, stated on November 25, 1960, that RAUL VILLAMIA is reported to be the head of the organization now, but that he has observed VILLAMIA visiting the offices of "La Gaceta" almost every day, and he believes his activities are directed by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA.

MEMBERSHIP

TP T-3 on November 25, 1960, stated he has not been [redacted]

[redacted] TP T-3 stated the 26th of July Movement is not very active and appears to have few members at the present time.

TP T-4, who is in contact with many of the [redacted]

[redacted] advised December 1, 1960, that early in 1960 he was told the captioned organization had a membership of around eighty members. He said a short time later he learned the membership only numbered about forty people.

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In September when the organization summoned its members to a joint meeting with the Patriotic Movement of Tampa, only five or six showed up, and the remaining names were summarily stricken from the membership rolls. He said, to the best of his knowledge, there are still only five or six members, possibly even fewer at this time, and the organization has ceased to hold meetings or to have any activity. He said the only members at this time whom he knows by name are RAUL VILLANIA and CARLOS CARBONELL. On December 3, 1960, he said CARBONELL had stated the Movement has ceased to exist.

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MARCELINO VILA; owner of La Crema Bakery, 1702 East
[redacted] advised December 8, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] He said the organization had eighty members at one time, but in the latter part of April, 1960, an official delegate from the July 26th Movement of Cuba, came to Tampa with orders to dissolve the Club. He said at that time all the officers were relieved of their posts [redacted]

[redacted] He said he is aware that an office is still maintained in the name of the July 26th Movement, and that notices appear in "La Gaceta" from time to time under that name, but he cannot explain this. He said it is his impression that only a committee continues to function at this time.

TP T-2 advised December 8, 1960, concerning the delegate from Cuba in April, 1960, and identified this man as JINES JORRIN CASTROMAN. However TP T-2 said the purpose of this delegate's visit was to unify the pro-CASTRO groups in Tampa. ~~FLA~~ This source expressed the belief that the 26th of July Movement, although it gives the appearance of little activity and few members, actually has many members who never go near the club headquarters because their leaders want them to do their propaganda work under cover. TP T-2 said he has no proof of this, but has reached this conclusion because he knows some of the members who were formerly active in the organization, continue to make propaganda in favor of FIDEL CASTRO, although no longer maintaining any visible contact with the organization leaders.

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[redacted] where the headquarters of the 26th of July Movement are located, stated December 8, 1960, that the rent for the headquarters is paid through December 15, 1960, and is payable each month in advance. He said there are very few people who go to the head-

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quarters at the present time, but that he observed a group meeting there on the night of December 6, 1960, which group numbered some six persons. He said the only ones he knows by name are RAUL VILLAMIA and CARLOS CARBONELL.

ACTIVITIES

TP T-1 advised the present work of Tampa's 26th of July Movement Club is the same as in all the other clubs in different American cities. The objective is the distribution of Communist propaganda in this country, and the infiltration of Cuban G-2 that can spy on military installations, etc. The distribution of Cuban Communist propaganda in the Club in Tampa is received directly from the Cuban Consulate in Tampa. *FLA* The Consul, Mr. ALBERTO SACASAS, distributes the propaganda and also pays the members of the G-2 in the locality. Mr. MAXIMILIANO PEREZ, the Vice-Consul, is also a member of the D.I.E.R. and acts as a checking agent on the other G-2 personnel found in Tampa. *OR CLERK* *FLA* *CHAS*

The D.I.E.R. is the Department of Intelligence of the Revolutionary Army.

G-2 is the term used to describe the Intelligence Section of the Cuban Army.

TP T-4 advised August 13, 1960, [redacted] in Tampa is [redacted] (not ALBERTO) and TP T-4 said he knew for a certainty that all propaganda material furnished by the Cuban Government to the Consulate up to that time, was in the Spanish language, principally the pamphlets titled "Obra Revolucionaria" and "Boletin Cultural". He stated he understood the Cuban Government intended to publish in the near future some propaganda pamphlets concerning the INRA (Agrarian Reform). He said the propaganda received by the Consulate is placed in the anteroom of the Consulate, where it can be readily picked up by any visitor who is interested. He stated the Consul has never made any other efforts to distribute this material. *FLA* *CHAS*

On December 3, 1960, TP T-4 stated the Consulate has not received any propaganda from Cuba for more than two months.

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The same source advised August 13, 1960, and December 1, 1960, he is not aware of the identity of any Cuban intelligence agents in Tampa and his information is to the effect no such agents are paid by the Cuban Consul or known to him. He further stated December 1, 1960, that

[redacted] or that he knows the identity of Cuban intelligence agents in Tampa.

TP T-2 on November 23, 1960, stated he has no information that members of the 26th of July Movement are affiliated with any intelligence organization of the Cuban Government.

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On June 17, 1960, "La Gaceta" published a notice that the 26th of July Movement of Tampa continues to collect clothes and money for the victims of the Chilean earthquake. TP T-4 stated on December 1, 1960, the 26th of July Movement had made two shipments of old clothing to Cuba. One was on May 27, 1960, and consisted of forty-three boxes, the other was on July 8, 1960, and consisted of eighteen boxes. Both shipments were on the MV Privateer, and were directed to the Bienestar Social (Social Welfare), Havana. The shipper of record was CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary of the 26th of July Movement. TP T-4 said he

On June 10, 1960, [redacted] turned over to SA [redacted] a 29-page pamphlet entitled, "The Revolution Has Not Betrayed Cuba" by Dr. OSVALDO DORTICOS TORRADO, President of Cuba, this being a letter directed by President DORTICOS to the students of Chile. The pamphlet contained both Spanish and English language texts of the letter. It was printed by the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Cuba, April 16, 1960. Dr. GONZALEZ stated it was distributed in Tampa by the 26th of July group.

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On July 20, 1960, TP T-5, who is acquainted with many people in the Cuban community in Tampa, made available a pamphlet captioned "ADOLF EICHMANN and the Murderers Among Us". This pamphlet does not show where it was printed but states it was published by the 26th of July Movement in the United States. TP T-5 said he did not know the source of the pamphlet, but that some have been circulated in Tampa presumably by the 26th of July Movement of Tampa.

The "Tampa Times", a daily newspaper at Tampa, Florida, on August 23, 1960, reported that vandals had the previous night tossed red paint on the windows of the 26th of July Movement, as well as on the door and window of the newspaper "La Gaceta".

On September 23, 1960, "La Gaceta" carried an item captioned "Note from the 26th of July Movement of Tampa", which was over the signature of CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary. This note criticized an organization of Cubans, which formerly supported CASTRO, but now oppose him and implies they were the persons responsible for two attacks on the headquarters of the 26th of July Movement when windows were broken and other damage done. The note states the 26th of July members have never wanted to indulge in violence, but that they know how to defend themselves when attacked. It calls upon Cubans and Tampans to support the Cuban Revolution, which it says is not Communist, but humane and Cuban. It states the 26th of July Movement supports the Revolution because it is giving the people of Cuba an honorable government, is concerning itself with the country people who have always been exploited, and is accomplishing many good works for the benefit of the majority of the Cuban people.

TP T-4 advised August 13, 1960, that as far as he could observe, the 26th of July Movement was not active and had barely been collecting enough money to pay the rent for its headquarters. He said no funds had been sent to Cuba in recent months, but that plans were under way for it to get together with other pro-CASTRO groups in Tampa to bring in some out-of-town speakers for a public rally in the near future.

On August 25, 1960, TP T-4 stated the public rally to whip up support for the present government of Cuba was being planned for September 30, 1960. He said that although the 26th of July Movement was active with other pro-CASTRO groups in planning this rally, it was to be advertised as sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), because it was felt this would have more appeal for the American public generally than the other groups made up primarily of Cubans or Cuban-Americans. A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee appears in the appendix hereto.

It was subsequently announced, the rally would be

postponed from September 30 to October 21, 1960, and would be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

On October 18, 1960, Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] turned over to the FBI a letter he received that date. The letter was not signed but it referred to the rally to be held October 21st in the Municipal Auditorium by friends of the Cuban Government, and it stated "an anti-Communist group" was planning to go to the rally and attack the pro-CASTRO men. It was stated the 26th of July Movement had given guns to three of their men to defend against such attack, and that the Patriotic Movement of Tampa had also armed some of its men for the same purpose.

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The information in the above letter was furnished the Tampa Police Department October 18, 1960.

The "Tampa Times" on October 17, 1960, reported the city had cancelled the use of the Auditorium for the rally to avoid any possible trouble on city-owned property, in view of the strained Cuban-American relations.

TP T-4 advised October 22, 1960, that the rally, which had been scheduled for October 21st, was held at the headquarters of the 26th of July Movement of Tampa. He said he had understood it was cancelled until about 4:00 PM that date.

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[redacted] He said approximately eighty people were present, and the press had reported faithfully the speeches that were made.

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The "Tampa Tribune" on October 22, 1960, published an account of the rally. It identified the principal speaker as MERLE E. BYERS, of Mokena, Illinois, a spokesman for the U. S. Farm Association of Iowa, which organization BYERS described as an outgrowth of the Iowa Farmers Union with headquarters in Des Moines. It was reported BYERS claimed to be a "small businessman who is getting put through the wringer, one of the forgotten people, the unsubsidized, who are victims of our moronic national administration." BYERS was quoted as saying "The United States is a fortress of Fascism and the enemy of intellectualism;" also that Cubans are full of purpose as are millions of Chinese and Russians, but ours is a sick society with no meaning or purpose. He was further quoted as saying: "The people will lose no matter which candidate wins (in the 1960 Presidential elections) because they were not chosen by the

people but by a selected few representing the interests of the ruling economic oligarchy."

The "Tampa Tribune" report went on to say that BYERS indirectly praised Soviet Premier KRUSHCHEV, using an ironic tone in quoting a Chicago "Sun-Times" editorial accusing the Communist boss of being "a troublemaker who wants us to end the arms race." BYERS declared:

"We don't want to end the arms race because of the jobs and profits from the valuable munitions contracts which support our economic system. The pattern of the cold war has been set as has our attitude toward Cuba."

The last statement, noted the "Tribune", drew an outburst of rhythmic applause, as did BYERS' statement the U. S. sugar-land barons had grown fat on the bodies of the children of Cuba's slave workers. It was said BYERS had high praise for FIDEL CASTRO and that he said:

"The United States doesn't like to help underdeveloped nations like Cuba because this helps to build socialism which is wrong except where it benefits the oligarchy. That's why we are so hostile to CASTRO, because our heartstrings, I mean, our pursestrings have been hurt."

"La Gaceta" on October 21, 1960, published an item captioned "Note from the 26th of July Movement", which was over the signature of CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary, a translation of which follows:

"We advise the people of Tampa that unscrupulous people have been threatening to get worthy Cuban fired from their jobs by denouncing them as Communists.

"Those people believe they are the law, in spite of their antecedents, and we advise them that they will be brought into court if they try to prejudice American citizens who sympathize with the Government of Cuba because it is honorable and seeks the well being of

the Cuban people.

"No member of this club is Communist and his civil rights cannot be trampled upon.

"We know of two cases, one a youth who works on Seventh Avenue, and the other a worker in an industry on 22nd Street."

On November 4, 1960, "La Gaceta" carried a notice addressed to the people of Tampa and stating that again vandals had broken the windows of the 26th of July Movement Headquarters and damaged the American flag inside the club. The notice concluded with the following statement:

"And if they really want to fight FIDEL CASTRO, remember that in Miami and Guatemala expeditions are being prepared against the Cuban Government in spite of the Organization of American States and the United Nations.

"By agreement of the 26th of July Club,
CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary."

On November 18, 1960, "La Gaceta" carried an item captioned "Note from the 26th of July Movement" over the signature of CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary, which warned that a man had announced in a local paper he would give Cuban money for American money on a basis of three for one. The note warned that people should not agree to such an exchange because it is not intelligent to go to visit a country, and fall into something which is unworthy, and for the further reason that they would be running a risk of being jailed.

On December 2, 1960, "La Gaceta" reported that the 26th of July Movement of Tampa had on the preceding Sunday placed a crown of flowers in the Jose Marti Park of Tampa. It was stated that although a daily newspaper had reported only two persons placed the flowers in the park, there actually had been more than twenty people present for the ceremony.

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CONNECTIONS WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT

TP T-4 reported September 12, 1960, that [redacted] whom he identified as a representative of the 26th of July Movement in Tampa, had that day been heard to state the Cuban State Department had directed a cable to an unnamed person in Tampa to obtain the names of the officers and leaders of both the 26th of July Movement and the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers, and forward same to Cuba so that they could be registered with the United States State Department as Cuban agents.

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✓ TP T-4 reported November 14, 1960, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] whom he described as an [redacted]
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[redacted] was reported to have said he wanted to find out why the 26th of July Movement in Tampa is dead.

TP T-4 reported later the same week that [redacted] did not come to Tampa because he and the Consul General in Miami had received orders from the Cuban Government to stay in Miami in view of increased tensions due to the sending of American naval vessels to patrol the Caribbean.

ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
JULY 26 MOVEMENT OF TAMPA

It has been previously reported that TP T-1 made the statement that all the officers and members of the July 26 Movement are active Communist Party (CP) members or agents of CASTRO's G-2, and he furnished a list of individuals which he described as "List of Members of the Communist Cell Inside 'The 26th of July Movement Club' of Tampa, Florida."

This list is almost identical to a list of names furnished October 13, 1960, by TP T-2 except that TP T-2's list does not allege all the persons thereon to be affiliated with the CP or with Cuban intelligence organizations.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 23, 1960, TP T-2 advised he personally prepared the list of names which he had earlier furnished the FBI, doing so from his own knowledge of the individuals or from information he has received concerning them from his associates in Tampa. He stated he knows a copy of his list subsequently reached the possession of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On December 5, 1960, [redacted] attorney, Tampa, Fla., advised that [redacted] is his client and that he knows [redacted]

TP T-2 also stated November 23, 1960, he cannot identify any of the persons on the list he furnished as connected with the D.I.E.R. or G-2 for the reason he is not in a position to know who might or might not be so connected.

TP T-8, [redacted] on October 22, 1960, advised that in view of the turn of events in the Cuban Government it is his belief that all members of the July 26 Movement are necessarily communists. He furnished a list of persons in various cities of the United States said to be members of this organization, adding that he had compiled the list from information appearing in the newspaper "Revolucion", which is published daily in Havana as the official organ of the July 26 Movement.

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The list furnished by TP T-8 contained the following names for Tampa, Florida:

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CARMEN LOPEZ
TERESA DELGADO
VIDAL FIALLO

*Believed To be
C.P. members*

Concerning VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, the former President and alleged to be possibly still the leader of subject organization, TP T-6, who has knowledge of some CP activities and personalities at Tampa, reported in December 1942 and on March 12, 1943, that MANTEIGA had at one time been a member of the CP and active in various front organization but that he had had some disagreement with the CP four or five years before that and had not been active since then. He further stated March 12, 1943, that during the preceding year or two MANTEIGA's writings in "La Gaceta" had been critical of the CP.

TP T-6 advised in February 1944 that MANTEIGA was not then active in the CP or any of its front organizations.

TP T-5 on September 3, 1953, reported that during the preceding week a newspaper editor named [redacted] in Havana stated in the presence of about ten persons that VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, of Tampa, Florida, is a member of the CP in Cuba. He allegedly stated he was going to write some articles about it and then turn over to the FBI his evidence.

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On July 12, 1960, [redacted]

Cuba [redacted] stated he considered MANTEIGA dangerous to this country because of influence^{b6} has on the Spanish-speaking community through "La Gaceta",^{b7C} he added a check into MANTEIGA's past would show he has had communist sympathies since the 1920s or 1930s. On December 1, 1960, [redacted] stated he has no first-hand knowledge or evidence that MANTEIGA is or ever has been a communist, but his opinion is based upon MANTEIGA's writings in "La Gaceta" and his knowledge that the United States Government was investigating MANTEIGA in connection with communist activities at Tampa as far back as the 1930s.

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Concerning [redacted] TP T-6 reported in March 1942 this individual had been an active member of Unit #1 of District 25 of the CP, Tampa, and served as a Party "mailman" for about six months in 1939 but was no longer active in that respect. The same source in December 1943 stated [redacted] did not attend CP meetings and was not then known as a CP member.

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In July 1942 [redacted] Tampa, AA stated [redacted] had been a CP member for many years and in a recent conversation stated that things were really going well for the Party and that people were going to be surprised at the rise of the CP.

On August 2, 1950, [redacted] Florida, reported that he was in [redacted] July 31, 1950, at which time [redacted] expressed his views in favor of communism.

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI February 28, 1957, at which time he denied membership in the CP although admitting he had been outspoken in his "liberal" ideas and he knew some acquaintances considered him a communist. At the same time he said he had read the "Daily Worker" and other communist literature in the past.

B. APPROX. 1937 Concerning [redacted] TP T-7 reported July 5, 1960, this person is a leader in the July 26 Movement, and he described him as anti-American and communist. Questioned concerning the allegation of communism on December 8, 1960, TP T-7 said he has no evidence of RODRIGUEZ' affiliation with the CP but based his allegation upon the man's fanatical support of the present Government of Cuba which TP T-7 considers to be communist.

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In connection with the possibility this [redacted] might be identical with an individual of the same name who was reported by TP T-6 in early 1945 as a member of the Tampa section of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, TP T-2 advised that the [redacted] of the July 26 Movement is now [redacted]

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised December 8, 1960, he never heard communism or Russia talked of in meetings of the organization and was never aware of any communist influence in the July 26 Movement.

APPENDIX
THE PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT OF TAMPA
FOR AID OF THE CUBAN FARMERS

The Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of the Cuban Farmers (Movimiento Patriótico de Tampa de Ayuda al Campesino Cubano) (PMT) was formed in Tampa, Florida in August, 1959 by ROBERTO DE LOS RIOS, FELIPE JIMENEZ and ENRIQUE MENDOZA, Cuban nationals, for the ostensible purpose of aiding the Cubans peasants in the agrarian reform by the collection of money and goods. The bylaws state the purpose of the organization is to give moral and material aid to the Cuban farmers at the same time promoting a better understanding between the peoples of the U.S. and Cuba.

Although this was its ostensible purpose, sources, who are considered reliable and who were in a position to have this information, advised that it was common knowledge known to all members that the actual original purpose of the organization was to buy airplanes for Cuba for defense.

Investigation indicates that the PMT has had little success in its collections; however DE LOS RIOS, who has returned to Cuba, and his successor JIMENEZ, who distributes the Cuban newspaper "REVOLUCION" in Tampa, and other officers of the PMT have issued considerable propaganda in the form of speeches, press releases and pamphlets universally lauding FIDEL CASTRO and his policies and criticizing U.S. "Imperialism" and policies.

The PMT maintains its headquarters in an office rented at 2006 14th Street, Tampa, Florida, in the same building wherein the Tampa 26th of July Movement has its headquarters.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of the "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, carried a full page advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" The article maintained that the United States press has made certain charges against Cuba which are not true and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. The advertisement closes with a note which states "This public appeal for Fair Play for Cuba has the support of a group of thinking individuals holding a variety of political persuasions, representing no one but themselves, linked here by a single common concern for the overriding principle of justice which is always at issue, whenever partisan interests clash with simple truth."

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File No.

Tampa, Florida
December 12, 1960

Title July 26th Movement,
 Tampa, Florida.

Character Registration Act - Cuba
 Internal Security - Cuba

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Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned above,
at Tampa, Florida.

All sources used in referenced communication
have furnished reliable information in the past, with
the exception of TP T-2, T-3, T-7 and T-8, with whom
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ReBuairtel to Tampa 11/10/60

Enclosed to Bureau are nine copies of report of
SA [redacted] dated 12/10/60 at Tampa.

The [redacted] report, which was enclosed with reBuairtel, shows a general knowledge of the Cuban community of Tampa and the history of the July 26th Movement there, but it contains some inaccuracies, as shown in enclosed report, and is replete with allegations of affiliation with Cuban intelligence organizations and "International Communism" for which no factual basis is given.

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Reference is also made to my airtel 11/30/60. As pointed out therein and in enclosed report, it appears reasonably well established that the/so-called [redacted] report" was actually prepared by [redacted] of Tampa, who has been identified as the [redacted]. It also appears the "List of Members of the Communist Cell Inside the July 26 Movement Club of Tampa, Fla." was prepared by [redacted] from a list of names originally compiled by [redacted] although [redacted] identified his list as members of the two pro-CASTRO organizations in Tampa and he has acknowledged he has no information linking the persons thereon with Cuban intelligence organizations.

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Comments re the reliability of [redacted]
are contained in my airtel of 11/30/60.

Information in Tampa files does not substantiate the allegations of CP membership or sympathy in most of the cases, although some substantiation is found in the following instances:

[redacted] is identical with [redacted] previously identified as a member of the CP at Tampa. He is a member of the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers, rather than the July 26 Movement.

[redacted] aka [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] mentioned on page 3 of the [redacted] list. He has been identified as a CP member in Tampa in the past. He is reported to [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] have all been investigated in the past in connection with alleged communist activities, and a synopsis of the information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] is contained in enclosed report. [redacted] and [redacted] have not been connected with the July 26 Movement. [redacted] is reported to have [redacted]

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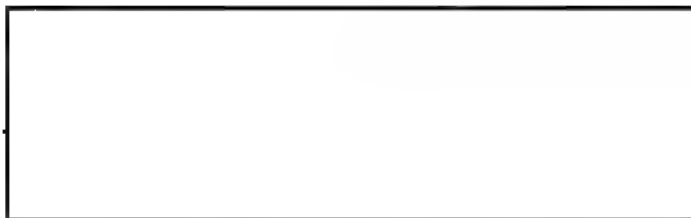
Following are the individuals listed in the [redacted] report on whom investigations were already pending prior to receipt of that report:

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Following are cases under IS-Cuba character wherein investigation has been initiated on the basis of information contained in the  report:



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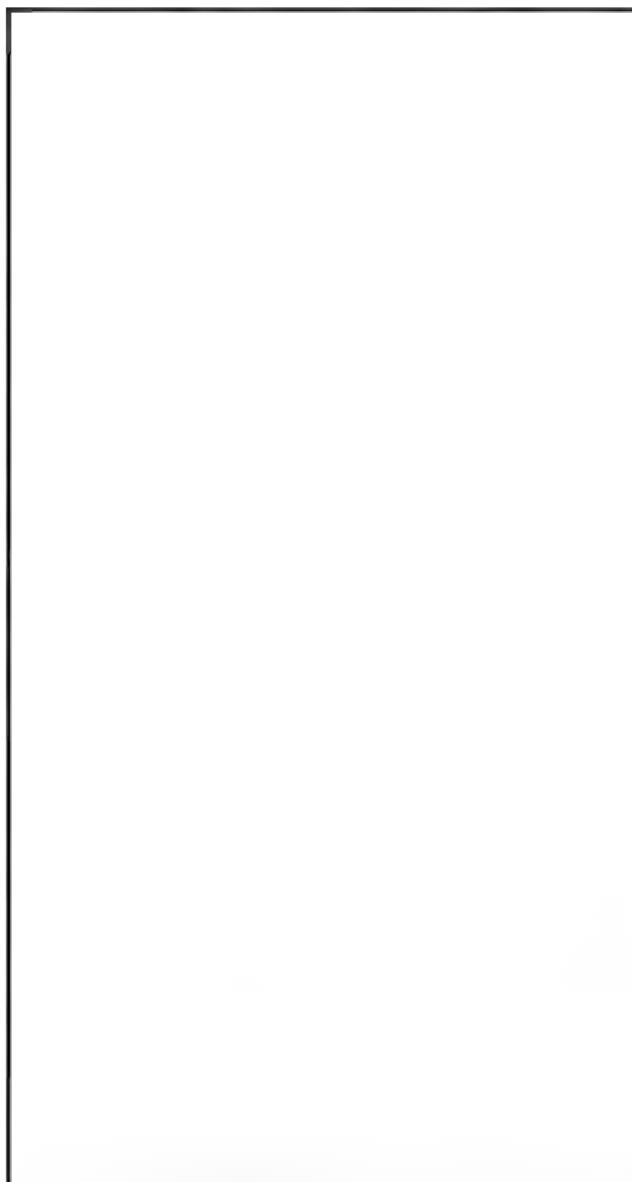
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Cases are also in the process of being opened on the individuals identified in the [redacted] list only as [redacted]

[redacted] The Bureau will be advised as these persons are identified sufficiently to enable a search of Bureau and Miami indices.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA Tampa, 12/10/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is classified confidential inasmuch as it contains information from TP T-1 which might reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and impair the future effectiveness thereof.

Inasmuch as the July 26th Movement of Tampa has been disbanded and the official headquarters, Club 26 de Julio, located at the corner of 9th Avenue and 14th Street, Tampa, Florida, has been closed and no further investigation is to be conducted in this matter, a closing report is submitted herewith.

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed herein, and T symbols were used only in those cases where identity must be concealed.

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Report of: SA [redacted]
 Date: 2/2/61

Office: Tampa

Field Office File No.: TP 97-2

Bureau File No. 97-4455

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT,
 TAMPA, FLORIDA

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
 INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Synopsis: On 1/4/61 vandals wrecked the clubrooms of the 26th of July Movement and the Patriotic Movement of Cuba at 14th Street and 9th Avenue. Clubroom windows and furniture were smashed. Red paint was smeared in the 26th of July offices. On 1/9/61 Detective [redacted] Tampa Police Department, advised that he has been assigned to investigate Cuban matters in Tampa, particularly acts of vandalism on the Cuban Consulate, 26th of July Club, and Patriotic Movement of Tampa offices. [redacted] said that RAUL VILLAMIA, president of the 26th of July Club, was asked to take down some signs displayed at the 26th of July office as they were considered inflammatory and might inspire further vandalism. VILLAMIA advised that the 26th of July was closing its offices and that the lease on their office space would expire 1/15/61. [redacted] said that [redacted] was writing a letter disbanding the 26th of July organization in Tampa. This letter was published in "La Gaceta" on 1/13/61 and stated that by unanimous agreement the 26th of July Club was being closed because the government of the United States has broken its relations with Cuba.

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DETAILS:

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 "La Gaceta", a Spanish language newspaper at Tampa, reported on December 2, 1960, that CARLOS CARBONELL, President of the 26th of July Movement of Tampa, had represented his organization in placing a wreath at the statue of JOSE MARTI in Jose Marti Park, corner of 8th Avenue and 13th Street, Tampa, Florida, on November 27, 1960. This was in honor of the fifth anniversary of the founding of the movement and CARBONELL made a speech in memory of the medical

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students who had been shot by the Spanish volunteers. The wreath was removed during the night by unknown persons.

TP T-1 who is a [redacted] Florida, advised December 26, 1960, that [redacted]

[redacted] Source said the individuals who made such reports were members of the July 26 Movement of Tampa and the Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid of Cuban Farmers, a characterization of which appears in the appendix hereto. The only individual he could identify by name was VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, editor of "La Gaceta" and former president of 26th of July Movement.

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On January 4, 1961, the "Tampa Tribune", a daily newspaper, Tampa, Florida, published an article stating that police were hunting vandals who wrecked the clubrooms of the 26th of July Movement and the Patriotic Movement of Tampa on the night of January 3, 1961. It was stated the two clubrooms, located in the same building at the corner of 14th Street and 9th Avenue, had their windows and furniture smashed and that red paint had been smeared in the July 26th offices.

On January 9, 1961, Detective [redacted] Tampa Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that he had been assigned to investigative matters relating to Cuban activities in Tampa, particularly those investigations concerning acts of vandalism perpetrated on the Cuban Consulate in Tampa and the 26th of July and Patriotic Movement of Tampa for Aid to the Cuban Farmers (PMT) as well as to private residences.

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During the course of investigation of vandalism at the 26th of July Club on 9th Avenue, [redacted] contacted PAUL VILLAMIA, a city employee and president of the 26th of July, and requested that he take down some signs displayed at the 26th of July which he considered inflammatory and might inspire further vandalism. These signs called attention to previous vandalism and their perpetrators in insulting terms. VILLAMIA took down the signs. From VILLAMIA and the manager of the building where the club is located, he learned that the 26th of July is closing its offices there. VILLAMIA said their lease was expiring January 15, 1961, and they were not renewing it. The manager said the 26th of July was being asked to move out January 15, 1961. The PMT, which has offices in the same building, but located on 14th Street, closed down the night of the breaking of relations between the United States and Cuba and moved into the 26th of July offices.

Furthermore, [redacted] told [redacted] on January 8, 1961, that [redacted] was writing or publishing a letter disbanding the 26th of July organization in Tampa this week.

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On January 13, 1961, "La Gaceta" published an item captioned "For the People of Tampa -- About the 26th of July Movement", a translation of which follows:

"In a meeting that took place a few days ago, we decided to close the 26th of July Club, not for the depredations of some individuals that call themselves anti-communists in order to carry out criminal acts in Tampa, but because the government of the United States has broken off its relations with Cuba.

"Everyone was in complete accord with this decision to dissolve the Club and pray for better relations between the people and the governments of Cuba and the United States.

"In the 26th of July Club there were no communists but only civic-minded men, enemies of violence and defamation.

"Those who in Tampa and other places, wish to defeat FIDEL CASTRO by throwing stones and paint, destroying furniture and window glass, are fascists or anti-democratic. As far as the case of Consul SACASA goes, he has said that since last October he has been 'turning over the secrets' of the government that paid his salary and to which he had promised his loyalty.

"Any man can stop sympathizing with another person, party, or government, but it is 'ugly', nauseating, that he be living off the man, business or government and at the same time, stabbing him in the back.

"With a hope for better relations between Cuba and the United States, we salute all, and especially the tobacco factory workers classified as communist by SACASA and other individuals that have come to this city during the last few months to disturb the tranquil life of Ybor City, West Tampa and of Tampa.

"COMMITTEE OF THE 26TH OF JULY OF TAMPA"



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Tampa, Florida
February 2, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA.

Character REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 2/2/61, at Tampa.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

TP T-1 who is mentioned in this report and with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine his reliability, furnished information but it is noted that he is in a position to provide reliable information.

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Pro-Castro Unit to Disband
 TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 14 (UPI) — The pro-Castro 26th of July Movement here, discouraged by the break in Cuban-United States relations, vandalism and defections, announced yesterday that it would disband.

The Tampa branch, founded personally by Fidel Castro in 1955 when he was in exile, had long been a stronghold of Cuban revolutionary sentiment in this country. At one time its membership was estimated at 20,000.

The 26th of July offices here have been subjected recently to attacks from vandals who smashed furniture, files and windows and smeared the walls with red paint.

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E. R. Farrell

1 - Mr. Donahoe
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In accordance with Foreign Assets Control memo 7-11-60 confirming the request for reports concerning certain pro-Castro individuals and organizations, the following reports were sent to [redacted] Foreign Assets Control, Treasury Department, on the dates indicated:

DATE	REPORT	DATE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN
[redacted]	3	12-20-60	Tampa
[redacted]	4	12-20-60	Los Angeles
[redacted]	2	12-21-60	Tampa
July 26th Movement of New York 355		12-21-60	New York
[redacted]	1	12-14-60	Miami
[redacted]	2	12-15-60	Tampa
July 26th Movement of Tampa, Florida	Report dated 12-12-60	12-15-60	Tampa
[redacted]	4	12-29-60	Philadelphia
[redacted]	3	12-30-60	NY

Treasury has indicated it is considering freezing the assets of Cuban agents in the United States. (97-4455)

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1 - 105-91151 [redacted]
1 - 105-93687 [redacted]
1 - 105-93616 [redacted]
1 - 97-3243 (July 26 Movement - NY)
1 - 105-93301 [redacted]

1 - 105-91211 [redacted]
① - 97-4455 (July 26th Movement - Tampa)
1 - 105-93776 [redacted]
1 - 105-92504 [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455) DATE: MAR 1 1961
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (97-2)
SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, Tampa, Florida
IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] 12/10/60, at Tampa
Report of SA [redacted] 12/5/60, at
Miami
Miami airtel to Bureau, 12/5/60.
Tampa letter to Bureau, 11/29/60 -
Tampa airtel to Bureau 12/1/60 and 11/30/60
Bureau airtel to Tampa and Miami, 11/10/60.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead
memorandum relating to an interview with [redacted]

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1 - Miami (105-2374) (Info)
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This information is a follow-up of information recorded in reference communications and others treating with the information furnished by [redacted]

As noted in referenced communications the [redacted] information consists of a history of the 26th of July Movement in Tampa, considered relatively accurate, plus a list of names of persons in Tampa termed Communists or agents of the Cuban D. I. E. R. This list of names is almost identical to a similar list furnished this office by PSI [redacted] except that [redacted] furnished the list as being the identities of pro-CASTRO individuals in Tampa [redacted]

[redacted] stated he made up this list from his own knowledge and furnished a copy to [redacted]

The "report" produced by [redacted] referred to herein, was examined by SA [redacted] and determined to be an identical Spanish language version of the report furnished by the [redacted]

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[redacted] and therefore was not reproduced herein.

[redacted] during the course of this interview, stated she made up this list from information [redacted]

[redacted] and from her own knowledge. She stated that she furnished a copy of this list to [redacted]

She stated that both she and [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] furnished his list to this office on the early afternoon of October 13, 1960. According to information from Miami the raid on the Cuban Consulate there, which [redacted]

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occurred about noon on October 13, 1960. [redacted]
[redacted]

Furthermore, Miami has advised that a supposed list of persons obtained in the raid on the Consulate in Miami has been circulated about and is considered to have no value. Also, no information is available that the D. I. E. R. has ever operated agents outside of Cuba, and in the summer of 1960, was reported in the process of dissolution (see report of SA [redacted] 8/19/60, at Miami, captioned Cuban Intelligence Activities in the U. S., Bufile 105-80787).

The above tends to substantiate information previously received to the effect that [redacted] cannot be considered reliable, and this plus numerous inaccuracies in the [redacted] list are considered to render this information valueless.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida

MAR 1 1961

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DATE 02-23-2010 BY UC 60322 LP/STP/SZ

26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA

[redacted] advised
that she is the [redacted]

[redacted] She advised that [redacted]
[redacted] is a Cuban citizen and
has been interested and involved in Cuban political and
revolutionary affairs all his adult life. She advised that
in 1954, he applied for U. S. Citizenship, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] In 1959, at
the end of the five year period when citizenship must be
granted or denied, [redacted] of INS was planning to
hold a hearing in Tampa regarding [redacted] petition,
but at the last minute [redacted] attorney advised him to
withdraw his request for citizenship.

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She advised that she was [redacted]

[redacted] just after FIDEL CASTRO gained power in
Cuba, and [redacted] He has since
[redacted] who works in
the Clinic. She advised that during the time she was [redacted]

for the overthrow of BATISTA as the Tampa head of the
ORGANIZATION AUTENTICA (OA), so designated by [redacted]
former Cuban president CARLOS PRIO, and head of the JUNTA DE
LIBERACION, a coalition of all the anti-BATISTA groups, includ-
ing CASTRO's 26th of July. She advised [redacted]

As a result she advised [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

She stated that it is her belief that the 26th of July Movement was formed to provide a nucleus of Communists throughout the hemisphere. She stated it was her opinion that all members of the 26th of July Movement, in Tampa and elsewhere were Communists. She stated that all the people who were active in the 26th of July Movement in Tampa, and hence were Communists, are now active in the FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD), [REDACTED] in Miami. She stated that the FRD is the second front of Communism. [REDACTED]

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She stated that [REDACTED]

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This "report", in the Spanish language, was determined to consist of several pages of generalized history of persons and groups active on behalf of CASTRO in Tampa particularly the 26th of July group in Tampa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] advised that, concerning the origin of these names and the source of the allegations, [redacted]

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She advised that these names and the allegations concerning them are based on the above two incidents. However, she stated additionally that she is [redacted]

She thereupon furnished the following supplemental information from memory concerning various persons named in this list.

She advised that [redacted] were very active in the 26th of July in Tampa since its inception in 1955.

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[REDACTED] advised that she came to know about
these people and their activities during the time she was
[REDACTED] which was during the same time that

[REDACTED] She advised she [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] shortly after CASTRO came to power and
therefore [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] For example
she did not know if [redacted] himself has engaged in any
such activity since that time and did not know his present
attitude, particularly in view of the fact that [redacted]
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4193)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (97-1)

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

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Reamtel 2/13/61.

On 2/20/61, Detective [redacted] Tampa PD, advised that he had determined through a source that a meeting was to be held at a local Unitarian church building, rented for the purpose, at the corner of Bay to Bay Boulevard and Concordia Avenue, Tampa, to discuss a possible demonstration to protest recent statements of Florida's senator GEORGE SMITH, said meeting to be held on 2/22/61 and demonstration, if undertaken, on 2/24/61.

[redacted] said that he had information that an unknown Cuban doctor was coming to speak at the meeting. He said that he had also heard that [redacted] subject of Tampa 105-33, was planning on [redacted]

This matter will be followed closely and the Bureau kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4196)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (97-1)

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

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0 JULY 26TH 1961 - TAMPA, FLA.

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Information regarding possible demonstrations to be undertaken by captioned organization and 26th of July Movement was furnished to Det. [redacted] Tampa PD, in charge of Tampa Latin American activities, on 2/9/61, by SA [redacted]

Later on 2/9/61, Det. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had learned from one of his sources that a tentative date has been set for a demonstration planned by captioned organization and the Patriotic Movement of Tampa. He said the date set is 2/24/61.

[redacted] said he would report to the FBI any further pertinent information he receives.

This matter will be followed closely and the Bureau kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Director, FBI (97-4455)

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Reurlet 2/24/61.

Authority denied for utilization of thumbnail sketch of captioned organization as submitted by referenced letter pending following corrections:

The thumbnail sketch as furnished mentions three different sources but provides no identification of those sources as required.

Resubmit your contemplated thumbnail sketch to fully comply with instructions set out in Part II, Section 4, page 22, Item IV of the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

DATE: 2/24/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA
IS-CUBA

Attached herewith as the second page of this letter is an amended characterization for captioned organization, amended to show that it has relinquished office space and reportedly ceased to exist.

UACB this characterization will be used in future reports.

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APPENDIX

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT TAMPA, FLORIDA

According to an editorial appearing September 30, 1960 in La Gaceta, a Spanish language weekly newspaper published at Tampa, Florida by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, the 26th of July Movement or Club was founded November 27, 1955 at Tampa in the presence of Dr. FIDEL CASTRO, and subsequently, when CASTRO was fighting in Cuba, issued propaganda and collected donations for the revolutionaries. According to other articles appearing in this newspaper and source in a position to know, MANTEIGA was president and directed this Club, variously known as the 26th of July Club, 26th of July Movement, the Club Patriotico 26 de Julio and other variations and translations, for a number of years. Until January, 1961 the club maintained office space at 1318 9th Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

A source in a position to know advised that after CASTRO gained power in Cuba in January, 1959, a number of persons active in the captioned group returned to Cuba and assumed positions of varying importance in the CASTRO government. Subsequently, according to another source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was in a position to know, the Tampa 26th of July Movement has diminished in size, importance and activity. He was told by an officer of the Movement in December, 1960 that the Movement had ceased to exist. The office space was relinquished January 15, 1961.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

DATE: 3/15/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA
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Attached herewith as second page of this letter is amended thumbnail sketch for captioned organization for which Bureau authority is sought. UACB Tampa will utilize this amended characterization.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information concerning it. The latter reference to source concerns former PSI [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Tampa

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Director, FBI

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Reurlet 3/1/61 captioned "July 26th Movement,
Tampa, Florida," with enclosure.

In view of the admission by subject that she is
[redacted] you should submit a separate
report on her in accordance with instructions contained in
Bulet to LHM 10/26/60 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities,"
copies of which were furnished your office. See last
paragraph, page 2, of this letter.

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NOTE: Subject on interview admitted she was [redacted]

[redacted] Bulet to LHM 10/26/60 advised that in connection
with possible obligation to register of possible violation
of Registration Act by anti-Castro individuals where this
is the primary basis of investigation, the office of origin
should obtain basic facts and submit closing report. In
view of subject's admission she is [redacted] we
should follow this procedure.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/2/61, Tampa.
Tampa letter to Bureau 3/1/61.
Tampa airtel to Bureau 3/20/61.

LEADS:
TAMPA DIVISION
AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

1. Tampa will through logical sources attempt to determine if pro-CASTRO Cubans are meeting at unknown dairy barn and if so identify the barn and the group meeting there.

2. Will, if it is determined that captioned group is holding meetings again, investigate and report results.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as it contains information furnished by informants of lasting value whose investigative effectiveness would be impaired if such information were disclosed. The information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] which is contained herein is in connection with information furnished by [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated that both she and [redacted]

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[] Furthermore, Miami has advised that a supposed list of persons obtained in the raid on the consulate in Miami has been circulated about and is considered to have no value.

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INFORMANTS

Identity

Location of Information

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TP T-2 is []

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TP T-3 is PSI, []

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TP T-4 is PSI [redacted] [redacted]

TP T-5 is [redacted] 97-2-106

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TP T-6 is CS [redacted] [redacted]

TP T-7 is [redacted] TP 97-2-49

[redacted] (request)

Sources utilized in the characterization of the July 26th Movement appearing in the Appendix hereto are PSI [redacted] and former PSI [redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were used only in those instances where the identity of these sources must be concealed.

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SA [REDACTED]
4/17/61

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Bureau File #: 97-4455

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THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA

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REGISTRATION ACT OF CUBA

Synopsis:

Information received from informants, Tampa, July 26th Movement possibly moving toward reactivation. Investigation and interviews of former members fail to reflect that group as actually reactivated or is holding meetings. Photograph of July 26th Movement group, as of 3/27/59, obtained. Information regarding bank account previously maintained set forth. [REDACTED] interviewed on 2/10/61. Information concerning history of the July 26th Movement, and members and associates furnished by [REDACTED] set forth as background information. Reliability of [REDACTED] questionable.

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DETAILS:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Information Reflecting
Possible Reactivation
of July 26th Movement,
Tampa, Florida

On February 16, 1961, TP T-1 advised that a group of people held a meeting on the evening of [REDACTED] at the home of [REDACTED]. TP T-1 advised that inasmuch as those present were largely Cubans, it appeared that it was meeting of the July 26th Movement.

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A characterization of the July 26th Movement appears in the Appendix to this report.

On February 21, 1961, TP T-2 advised that he had received information that the July 26th Movement had held some meetings [redacted]
[redacted]

TP T-3 advised on February 17, 1961 that a meeting of some kind took place the preceding Sunday at 1:00
[redacted]

TP T-3 advised
[redacted]

On March 1, 1961, TP T-1 advised that he had inferred that the group of people who were at the home of [redacted] on the evening of [redacted] were there for a meeting of the July 26th Movement. Informant advised that he deduced this because of [redacted] background in these activities. Source said [redacted]
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[redacted] He stated he had no evidence or concrete information that the July 26th Movement has held meetings in Tampa since the abandonment of its headquarters shortly after the 1st of January, 1961. TP T-1 advised he doubts this group has held any meetings officially.

On March 1, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] advised he is presently [redacted]
[redacted] said that he [redacted] on December 11, 1960 and has [redacted] since about that time.

[redacted] advised that there have not been any meetings of any group of any kind in this establishment since he has been operating it. He said he would not allow any to be held here and has never been approached to do so.

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[] noted that the area is extremely restricted and in no way would serve as a meeting place. [] said that no meetings were ever held here to his knowledge and doubts that any were ever held in the []

[] said he has never belonged to any pro-CASTRO group and is not interested in doing so.

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On April 5, 1961, []

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[] advised that he was never a member of the July 26th Movement. [] said he has never been a member of the Communist Party and that he does not know what constitutes Communism. [] said that there never has been a meeting of any pro-CASTRO group held at this address to the best of his knowledge. [] said that [] who also lives at this address was a former member of the July 26th Movement. [] said []

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[] said he plans to go to Cuba at a future date with [] for a visit.

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The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 27, 1961, []

[] Tampa, Florida, was interviewed concerning his activities in relation to the July 26th Movement.

[] advised that he had been a member of the July 26th Movement during the early stages of its organization and development.

[] advised that he left the organization approximately 7 months prior to this interview and has not returned to activity in the group and has divorced himself completely from it.

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[] advised he has no knowledge of the present activities of the July 26th Movement. He said that to the best of his knowledge it has been completely disbanded. He said that as far as he knows, it has no headquarters, officials, or meeting place.

On March 14, 1961, []
Tampa, advised that he was formerly []
[]
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[] advised that the offices of the July 26th Movement were closed on about January 1, 1961. [] advised that many members of the group had become dissatisfied prior to the closing of the offices and had disassociated themselves from the group. [] advised that the July 26th Movement was disorganized and has become completely defunct to the best of his knowledge. He said that as far as he knows there are no activities of the group being carried on presently, either overtly or secretly.

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[] stated that he feels many of the old members broke away because of the Communistic tendencies of CASTRO and the CASTRO Government in Cuba. He said he believes this was a major reason for the disbanding of the organization of the July 26th Movement.

The July 26th Movement formerly maintained its headquarters at 2006 Avenida Republica de Cuba. To date, this space remains unoccupied.

On January 13, 1961, "La Gaceta", Spanish weekly newspaper of Tampa edited by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, who has reportedly served as President of the July 26th Movement, published an item in the form of a letter addressed to the people of Tampa disbanding the July 26th Movement in Tampa as of that date. The article explained that all members of the Movement were in complete accord with the dissolution of the club and gave as their reason the recent break in diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba. The article was signed by the July 26th Movement of Tampa. F.H.G.

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On March 2, 1961, CARLOS CARBONELL advised that he was Secretary of the Tampa July 26th Movement from the visit of FIDEL CASTRO to Tampa in 1955 until January 9, 1961 when the organization was disbanded. Throughout this same period VICTORIANO MANTEIGA has been President and RAUL VILLAMIA, Secretary General. CARBONELL advised that after CASTRO gained power in January 1959 there was no longer any need for the Tampa July 26th Movement and thereafter the club existed only for symbolical reasons and had no regular meetings or activities, except those of a commemorative nature, such as placing wreaths on the statue of JOSE MARTI on Cuban holidays. He said they had no regular meetings or dues and the rent and expenses were met by special collections as needed. FLA

CARBONELL advised that on January 9, 1961, it was decided at an informal meeting of those active in the group to disband and terminate the group because of repeated vandalism to their offices.

On March 31, 1961, TP T-6 advised that [redacted]

[redacted] TP T-6 advised that [redacted] has stated he will [redacted]

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Photograph of July 26th
Movement Group

On February 14, 1961, TP T-4 furnished a copy of the Tampa Spanish Language weekly newspaper, La Gaceta, dated March 27, 1959. On the front page of this edition appears a photograph of a group of individuals, with the caption (in Spanish) "Photograph of the 26th of July Movement of Tampa". The legend under the photograph stated "All those who appear here are members of the 26th of July Movement of Tampa. Seated from left to right, [redacted] FLA

[redacted] standing

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members of Subject Organization Tampa, FLA

from left to right, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Not appearing in this photograph are [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is felt
that the above constitutes a membership list of the Tampa
July 26th Movement as of March 27, 1959.

Financial Information
Concerning Tampa July 26th
Movement

On February 21, 1961, during the course of
investigation at the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were made available for examination
by TP T-5 and the following information pertaining to in-
stant organization was noted.

Records of the [REDACTED]

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The foregoing records are available upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]
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Background Information
Concerning July 26th
Movement and Reported
Associations.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised on February 10, 1961, that she is the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is a Cuban citizen and has been interested and involved in Cuban political and revolutionary affairs all his adult life. She advised that in 1954, he applied for U. S. Citizenship, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In 1959, at the end of the five year period when citizenship must be granted or denied, [REDACTED] of INS was planning to hold a hearing in Tampa regarding [REDACTED] petition, but at the last minute [REDACTED] attorney advised him to withdraw his request for citizenship.

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She advised that she was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] just after FIDEL CASTRO gained power in Cuba, and [REDACTED] He has since [REDACTED] who works in [REDACTED] She advised that during the time she was [REDACTED] he was extremely [REDACTED]

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active in working for the overthrow of BATISTA [redacted]
[redacted] so designated by
his good friend [redacted]
[redacted] a coalition of all the anti-
BATISTA groups, including CASTRO's 26th of July. She advised
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[redacted] As
a result she advised [redacted]
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She stated that it is her belief that the 26th of July Movement was formed to provide a nucleus of Communists throughout the hemisphere. She stated it was her opinion that all members of the 26th of July Movement, in Tampa and elsewhere were Communists. She stated that all the people who were active in the 26th of July Movement in Tampa, and hence were Communists, are now active in the FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD), headed by TONY VARONA in Miami. She stated that the FRD is the second front of Communism. [redacted]
[redacted]

She stated that [redacted]
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This "report", in the Spanish language, was determined to consist of several pages of generalized history of persons and groups active on behalf of CASTRO in Tampa, particularly the 26th of July group in Tampa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that, concerning the origin of these names and the source of the allegations, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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She advised that these names and the allegations concerning them are based on the above two incidents. However, she stated additionally that she is [redacted]

[redacted]

She thereupon furnished the following supplemental information from memory concerning various persons named in this list.

She advised that [redacted] were very active in the 26th of July in Tampa since its inception in 1955.

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FAA [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that she came to know about these people and their activities during the time she was [REDACTED] which was during the same time that he was actively engaged in efforts to bring about the overthrow of the BATISTA government. She advised she [REDACTED] [REDACTED] shortly after CASTRO came to power and therefore [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For example she did not know if [REDACTED] himself has engaged in any such activity since that time and did not know his ~~present~~ ~~attitude~~ ~~particular~~ ~~in view~~ of the fact that he was [REDACTED]

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TP T-7 advised November 30, 1960, that she has [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated she likes [REDACTED] but has found that little credence can be put in anything she has to say.



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Tampa, Florida
April 17, 1961

Title: The July 26th Movement
Tampa, Florida

Character: IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA

Reference: Report SA [redacted]
dated and captioned as
above.

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TP T-2, TP T-3 and TP T-7 with whom contact has been insufficient to determine their reliability.

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SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

JULY 26th MOVEMENT - Tampa, Florida
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re Bureau letter to New York, 3/31/61.

Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's live informant coverage of captioned organization as requested in re letter.

(It is noted that the dissolution of captioned group was reported in the closing report of SA [redacted] at Tampa, captioned as above, and dated 2/2/61, as occurring just prior to January 15, 1961. To date, investigation has failed to reflect that the July 26th Movement has reactivated in this area.)

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I. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS (CUBA)	Total
(a) TP 1-S, Bufile 100-379740 (Information re names of former members and activities.)	6
(b) TP 27-S, Bufile 100-390202 (Information re names of former members and activities.)	
(c) C.S. [redacted] [redacted] (Information re names of former members and activities.)	

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- (d) [redacted] (Information re those former members who seek medical aid.)
- (e) [redacted] (General information re former members.)
- (f) C.S. [redacted] Bufile 100-372393, (Information re names of former members, their whereabouts, and activities.)

ii. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Total
6

- (a) PSI [redacted] (Information re names of former members, their whereabouts, and activities.)
- (b) PSI [redacted] (Information re names of former members, their whereabouts, and activities.)
- (c) PSI [redacted] (Information re names of former members, their whereabouts, and activities.)
- (d) PSI [redacted] (Information of general nature concerning July 26th Movement and former members.)

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(e) PSI [redacted]
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information.)

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(f) PSI [redacted]
[redacted] (Information
re former members, whereabouts,
and past and present activities.)

III. MEMBERS OF JULY 26th MOVEMENT INTERVIEWED DURING LAST MONTH Total
7

(a) Cooperative and having potential as source.	0
(b) Having no informant or source potential.	7
(c) Uncooperative	0

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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 4/17/61, at Tampa.

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1. Will continue to develop information concerning subject organization through interview of former members of this organization and interviews of persons connected with related matters.
2. Will continue to investigate to determine if subject organization has moved toward possible reactivation.

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value, whose investigative effectiveness would be impaired if such information were disclosed.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF
ORIGINAL INFORMATION

TP T-1 is [REDACTED]

Tampa, Florida
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TP T-2 is [REDACTED]

TP T-3 is [REDACTED]

Tampa, Florida

Sources utilized in the characterization of the July 26th Movement appearing in the appendix of this report are:

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PSI [REDACTED]
Former PSI [REDACTED]

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Careful consideration has been given to each source. concealed and T symbols were used only in those instances where the identity of these sources must be concealed.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: JUN 8 1961

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: TP 97-2

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Title: THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT,
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Former Secretary General of July 26th Movement in Tampa interviewed on 4/11/61 and advised Movement organized in Tampa by FIDEL CASTRO in 1955. He advised the group maintained headquarters at 14th Street and 9th Avenue, Tampa, until the severance of diplomatic relations between the U. S. and Cuba, and has ceased to exist since that time in Tampa. He advised original purpose of group was to aid Cubans in overthrow of BATISTA and continued after CASTRO attained power to collect clothing for poor of Cuba. Former Secretary of Propaganda of this group advised 5/23/61 that July 26th completely discontinued. Former member interviewed 5/17/61, advised July 26th now defunct in Tampa. Informants advised group not presently holding meetings.

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DETAILS: AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

RAUL VILLAMIA, 2718 Collins Street, former Secretary General of the July 26th Movement in Tampa, advised on April 11, 1961, that the July 26th Movement was organized in Tampa upon the visit of FIDEL CASTRO to Tampa in 1955. The group maintained its headquarters in an office at 14th Street and 9th Avenue, Tampa. VILLAMIA advised that on the day the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba, a group of anti-CASTRO people broke into their office and destroyed the furniture. He said the July 26th Movement members decided to disband, and the organization has ceased to exist since that time. VILLAMIA said the group was originally formed to help the people of Cuba overthrow the Dictator BATISTA. After FIDEL CASTRO successfully gained control in Cuba, the group continued to exist to collect clothing for the poor people of Cuba.

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A characterization of the July 26th Movement appears in the appendix hereto.

On May 23, 1961, RAY DELGADO, [redacted] Tampa, former Secretary of Propaganda of subject organization, advised that he knows of no plans of the former members of the Movement to reactivate, nor of any meetings presently being held by this group. He said that as far as he knows, the July 26th Movement in Tampa has been completely discontinued. FIA

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On May 17, 1961, ARMANDO DIAZ RAMIREZ, [redacted] Tampa, advised that he was a member of the Tampa July 26th Movement prior to the break-off in relations between the United States and Cuba. DIAZ stated that the July 26th Movement became disbanded in January, 1961, and is now defunct. He said that it holds no meetings presently to the best of his knowledge.

On May 25, 1961, TP T-1 advised that he [redacted] He stated that he has [redacted] TP T-1 said that there is no active July 26th Movement in Tampa at present to the best of his knowledge. TP T-1 is in a position to [redacted]

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On April 27, 1961, TP T-2 advised that [redacted] who is associated with the Cuban situation in Tampa, had indicated that the July 26th Movement is no longer in existence and had disbanded because of continuing attacks against the organization and its meeting place by anti-CASTRO elements. FIA

TP T-3 advised on May 17, 1961, that he had attempted to determine if subject organization was holding meetings in a dairy barn in the Tampa vicinity, in order to verify rumors to that effect. He said he has not been able to locate this rumored meeting place of the July 26th Movement and doubts that any exists.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~APPENDIXJULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

According to an editorial appearing September 30, 1960, in "La Gaceta," a Spanish language weekly newspaper published at Tampa, Florida, by VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, the July 26th Movement or Club was founded November 27, 1953, at Tampa in the presence of Dr. FIDEL CASTRO, and subsequently, when CASTRO was fighting in Cuba, issued propaganda and collected donations for the revolutionaries. According to other articles appearing in this newspaper, MANTEIGA was president and directed this club, variously known as the 26th of July Club, 26th of July Movement, the Club Patriotico 26 de Julio and other variations and translations, for a number of years. Until January, 1961, the club maintained office space at 1318 9th Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

A source in a position to know advised that after CASTRO gained power in Cuba, in January, 1959, a number of persons active in the captioned group returned to Cuba and assumed positions of varying importance in the CASTRO government. Subsequently, according to another source in a position to know, the Tampa July 26th Movement diminished in size, importance and activity. He was told by an officer of the Movement in December, 1960, that the Movement had ceased to exist. Their office space was relinquished January 15, 1961.

On January 13, 1961, "La Gaceta" carried an item in the form of a letter addressed to the people of Tampa disbanding the July 26th Movement in Tampa as of that date by common accord of all members.

The following, who served as officers of captioned organization, advised on the dates indicated that the July 26th Movement in Tampa is dissolved and at present conducts no activities, either openly or covertly:

RAUL VILLAMIA, Secretary General, on April 11, 1961;
FLORENTINO SANTOS, Treasurer, on March 14, 1961;
CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary, on March 2, 1961.

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TITLE	THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA
CHARACTER	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
REFERENCE	Report of SA [REDACTED] captioned and dated as above.

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JULY 26th MOVEMENT *Tampa*

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Rebulet, dated 5/9/61.

Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage of captioned organization. (Dissolution of captioned group has been reported previously. Investigation to date fails to reflect renewed activity on part of subject organization.)

1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS *1* Total
(CUBA) 5

2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION Total
5

3. MEMBERS OF JULY 26th MOVEMENT Total
INTERVIEWED DURING LAST MONTH 9

(a) Cooperative and having potential Total
as source 7

(b) Having no informant or source
potential 2

(c) Uncooperative 0

For the information of the Bureau, the following named individuals, which have informant potential relating to coverage of this matter, have been opened for appropriate background investigation:

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(a) [redacted] as an PSI.

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In addition, [redacted] Bufile 105-93065,
[redacted] is being considered for
utilization as a Security Source.

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*Letter from Sac. Tampa 5/15/61 Re:
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JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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RAUL VILLAMIA, Secretary General,
on 4/11/61;
FLORENTINO SANTOS, Treasurer,
on 3/14/61;
CARLOS CARBONELL, Secretary,
on 3/2/61

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SOURCES:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-551)

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SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

with 51
JULY 26th MOVEMENT - TAMPA
IS - CUBA;
RA - CUBA

Re: Cylet, dated 4/9/61.

Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage of captioned organization. (Dissolution of captioned group has been reported previously. Investigation to date fails to reflect that this organization has reactivated in this area.)

1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS
(CUBA)

Total
5

(Decrease is due to deletion of C.S.)

[Redacted]

2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Total
5

(On 4/6/61, former Tampa PSI [Redacted])

[Redacted] Information
re PSI was furnished Miami Office by
communication dated 4/12/61)

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3. MEMBERS OF JULY 26th MOVEMENT INTERVIEWED
DURING LAST MONTH.

Total
9

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	<u>Total</u>
(a) Cooperative and having potential as source.	2
(b) Having no informant or source potential.	6
(c) Uncooperative	1

For the information of the Bureau the following named individuals, which have informant potential relating to coverage of this matter, have been opened for appropriate background investigation. It is contemplated that Bureau authority will be requested to utilize these individuals, and this matter will be pursued expeditiously.

(a) [redacted]
as a confidential source.

(b) [redacted] as a PSI.

(c) [redacted] as a PSI.

(d) [redacted] as a PSI.

(e) [redacted] as a PSI.

(f) [redacted] as a PSI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (97-2)
SUBJECT: JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT
IS - CUBA

DATE: 7/24/61

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Transmitted herewith are nine copies of a letter-
head memorandum, together with nine copies of a memorandum
evaluating sources utilized therein, which have been disseminated
to OSI, ONI, CIC, INS, G-2 and Customs locally.

Letterhead is classified as ~~confidential~~ inasmuch
as information from TP T-2 and TP T-3 could reasonably result
in the identification of confidential informants of continuing
value and compromise their future effectiveness.

Careful consideration was given to each source
concealed and T symbols utilized only where the identity of
the informant must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

TP T-1 [redacted] (UI)
TP T-2 [redacted] (UI)
TP T-3 [redacted]
TP T-4 [redacted] (By request)

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 18) (RM)

4 - Miami (Enc. 8) (RM)

10 - Tampa (1 - 97-2) (7/26 RM)

(2 - 105-New (FELIX G. VALDES)

(2 - 105-New (CARLOS MANUEL BONO)

(2 - 105-New (MANUEL ALVAREZ) 105-102495

(1 - 105-179) (CARLOS CABRERA)

(1 - 105-546) (G. VALDIVIA)

(1 - 105-564) (G. VALDIVIA, JR.)

ECF:jn. [redacted]
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Date 8-1-61 by [redacted]

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The following sources utilized in characterizations:

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Former

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and Former PSI

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LEADS:

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will furnish Tampa with any information identifiable from Miami indices regarding VALDES, BONO and ALVAREZ, and also check files of INS, Miami.

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will attempt to verify departure for Cuba of individuals mentioned in letterhead memorandum.

*Rec'd by
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under separate caption
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
July 24, 1961

**JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA**

On July 20, 1961, TP T-1, a Cuban living in the United States, who has some knowledge of the Cuban population in the Tampa area, advised that during that week he [redacted]

TP T-1 furnished [redacted]

wherein it was stated

that [redacted]

License numbers furnished by TP T-1 were checked through the Hillsborough County Vehicle Registration Records and found to be listed to the following individuals:

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[redacted] Tampa,
for a 1955 Oldsmobile.

[redacted] Tampa,
for a 1955 Chevrolet.

[redacted] Tampa, for
a 1956 Chevrolet.

[redacted] Tampa,
for a 1955 Plymouth.

TP T-1 stated that [redacted]

which was subsequently determined to be issued to [redacted]
Tampa, for a 1957 Chevrolet.

During interview February 15, 1961, [redacted] advised Special Agents of the FBI that he sympathizes with FIDEL CASTRO and the present regime in Cuba because schools are being built to educate the illiterate. On June 28,

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1961, TP T-2 stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

Characterizations of the FPCC and FPCC-TP appear in the appendix hereto.

On March 15, 1961, TP T-3 advised that [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] On May 16, 1961, TP T-4

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

According to TP T-4 [redacted]

[redacted]

On July 24, 1961, TP T-3 advised that [redacted] and [redacted] as well as the [redacted]

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CONFIDENTIALAPPENDIXFAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960 edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times."

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE --
TAMPA DIVISION
(FPCC-TP)

The Sunday "Tampa Tribune" newspaper for May 15, 1960, carried an advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" which purported to show the United States press had given a false picture of conditions in Cuba with regard to communism, confiscation of property, and chaotic living conditions. The advertisement was signed "The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York," (FPCC).

On June 24, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] Tampa, advised he placed the aforementioned advertisement in the "Tampa Tribune," with the assistance of funds contributed by pro-Cuban groups in Tampa. [redacted] said there was no FPCC in Tampa on that date.

On January 9, 1961, a source advised that on January 5, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised on February 2, 1961, that [redacted] had said [redacted] and [redacted]

This source subsequently advised the Tampa Bay Chapter is affiliated with the national organization known as FPCC, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, [redacted]

Source advised that the following have also been active leaders in FPCC-TP activities: [redacted]

Local newspaper articles have indicated and source reported June 2, 1961, the following individuals were elected to the Executive Committee of FPCC-TP at a meeting in Tampa on June 2, 1961, wherein a charter from the national FPCC was presented: [redacted]

[redacted] was identified as a member of the Proletarian Party of America (PPA) in 1958 by a source.

[redacted] was known to a source as a former member of the Communist Party (CP) and the PPA who continued to associate with PPA members in Tampa and to express sympathy for the CP and Soviet Russia.

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[redacted] was identified in April, 1955, by a source, as a former member of the CP who at that time stated his intention to again become active in the CP as soon as possible.

Regarding [redacted] on September 23, 1943, the records of the Philadelphia Voters Registration Commission, Room 1401, City Hall Annex, Market and Broad Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, disclosed that [redacted]

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[redacted] as a communist. The records of the Bureau of Police, Philadelphia, reflected on [redacted] was a CP nominating petition signer in 1940.

The CP and PPA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

Tampa, Florida
July 24, 1961

TP 97-2

TITLE	JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT
CHARACTER	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REFERENCE	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources used in referenced communication
(with the exception of those listed below) have furnished
reliable information in the past.

TP T-1 and TP T-4, with whom insufficient contact
has been had to determine their reliability.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-551)

7/11/61

SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
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RA-CUBA

Remylet, 6/5/61.

Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage of captioned organization. (Dissolution of captioned group has been reported previously. Investigation to date fails to reflect renewed activity on part of subject organization.)

1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS
(CUBA)

Total
8

(Increase is due to the addition of the following: [redacted])

[redacted] CS [redacted]

These three sources are in a position to furnish information regarding names of former members and their activities.)

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2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Total
6

(Increase is due to the addition of the following: PSI [redacted])

[redacted] PSI [redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that former PSI [redacted] is

presently [redacted] and is included in number 1 above.)

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3. MEMBERS OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
INTERVIEWED DURING THE LAST MONTH.

Total
2

(a) Cooperative and having potential
as source.

1

(b) Having no informant or source
potential.

1

(c) Uncooperative

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For the information of the Bureau, during the month
of June, a case on [REDACTED] has
been opened for appropriate background investigation
of this individual as a PSI.

In addition, [REDACTED] BuFile 105-93665,
former [REDACTED] is presently listed as
a security source.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Tampa (105-542)**

Date: **June 22, 1961**

Re: **FRIENDS OF THE CUBAN
REVOLUTION, aka
Amigos de la Revolución Cubana
IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

July 26 Movement - Tampa, Fla

FBI File No. **105-95061**
Lab. No. **D-260099 DJ**

Examination requested by: **Tampa**
Reference: **Letter 6/2/61**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

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Enclosures (10) (Q1-Q16, 2 Lab report)
3 - Tampa (105-24, 105-19, 97-41) Enclosures (3) (3 Lab report)
1 - 97-4196
1 - 97-4219
1 - 97-4455

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Evans _____
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W.C. Sullivan _____
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Gandy _____

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Tampa

Date: June 22, 1961
FBI File No. 105-99861
Lab. No. D-369099 DJ

Re: FRIENDS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION, aka
Amigos de la Revolucion Cubana
IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA

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Specimens received 6/7/61

- Q1 Mimeographed handbill entitled "AL Pueblo de Tampa" dated "ABRIL, 1961."
- Q2 Mimeographed handbill entitled "AL PUEBLO DE TAMPA" dated "ABRIL 24.00 1961"
- Q3 Mimeographed handbill entitled "PROFANACION AL APOSTOL [redacted]"
- Q4 Mimeographed handbill entitled "AL PUEBLO DE TAMPA"
- Q5 Mimeographed handbill entitled "AL PUEBLO DE TAMPA" dated "May 1961"
- Qc6 Photocopy of two-page typewritten letter dated 1/3/60, bearing on second page the signature [redacted]
- Qc7 Photocopy of two-page typewritten letter dated 1/27/60, bearing on second page the signature "Mrs. [redacted]"
- Q8 Mimeographed handbill entitled "THE LOCAL PRO-CASTROITES"
- Q9 Envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. [redacted] Fla." postmarked "TAMPA 4 FLA. APR 4 1961 12 30PM"
- Q10 Accompanying mimeographed handbill entitled "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA" bearing at top a typewritten note to "Mr. [redacted]" and signed [redacted]

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- Q12 Three-page mimeographed handbill entitled "MOVIMIENTO PATRIOTICO DE TAMPA"
- Q13 Mimeographed handbill entitled "COMPANEROS (A) SUBSCRIPTORES:"
- Q14 Printed handbill entitled "CUBA, SI! siquitrillados, traidores, esbirros, NO!"
- Q15 Mimeographed handbill entitled "Companeros lectores de Revolucion:" dated "Noviembre 11 de 1960"
- Q16 Mimeographed handbill entitled "AL PUEBLO DE TAMPA" addressed to "TRABAJADORES TABAQUEROS DE TAMPA:"

Result of examination:

It was determined that Q1 through Q3, Q8, Q10 through Q13 (with exception of the top portion of Q10), Q15 and Q16 were mimeographed. No significant characteristics are present which would indicate the make of mimeograph machine; hence, it is not possible to state if two or more of these documents were prepared on the same machine.

Q14 was prepared by an offset printing process. No significant characteristics are present which would indicate the make of the printing equipment.

The typewriting on Q9 and the top portion of Q10 match the Laboratory standards for Corón elite style of type spaced twelve letters to the inch. The typewriting on the mimeographed documents and the photocopies is not sufficiently legible or detailed to determine the exact styles of type used, but set forth below are the styles of type which most closely match the questioned typewriting.

Qc7 (except the editor's note at the end)

Remington pica, ten letters to the inch

Qc6

Underwood pica, ten letters to the inch

Q10 (except the top portion)

L C Smith elite, twelve letters to the inch

Q8

Underwood elite, twelve letters to the inch

Q3

Hermes, thirteen letters to the inch

Q16

Olympia, eleven letters to the inch

Q1, Q2, Q4, and Q5

Underwood pica, ten letters to the inch

Q11 through Q15

Royal pica, ten letters to the inch

It was concluded that the stencils used to prepare Q1, Q4, and Q5 were prepared on one typewriter. A definite conclusion was not reached as to whether this typewriter was used to prepare the stencil for Q2, due to the indistinct nature of the reproduction.

It was concluded that the stencils used to prepare Q11, Q13, and Q15 were prepared on one typewriter. Because of the poor reproduction of the mimeographed copy, a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether this typewriter was used to prepare the stencils used to prepare Q12 and Q14.

Q1 through Q16 are returned herewith. Appropriate photographs are retained.

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

DATE: 7/27/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

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DATE 02 23 2010 BY UC 60322 LP/STP/SZ

SUBJECT: JULY 26th MOVEMENT
IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA

ReBulet to WFO dated 7/18/61.

The July 26th Movement formerly maintained headquarters at 2006 Avenida Republica de Cuba (14th Street), Tampa, Florida. The lease formerly held for use of this office space expired 1/15/61. The space was vacated prior to the 15th of January, 1961; to date the space remains unoccupied.

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FLA [redacted]
Tampa, former [redacted]
Tampa, advised on April 11, 1961, that the group has not existed in Tampa since the abandonment of its former headquarters. [redacted] advised no records of the organization were preserved. [redacted] is employed as a [redacted]

FLA On 6/21/61, [redacted] ORGANIZATION
Tampa, former [redacted] advised that the organization is completely defunct, and there has been no activity by this group since its dissolution in January, 1961.

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c/c to 109-551-(July 26th Movement)

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Date: 7/26/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
IS - CUBA;
RA - CUBAALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On this date [redacted] Electronic Communications, Inc., 1501 - 72nd Street North, St. Petersburg, Fla. [redacted] [redacted], furnished the following information.

Subsequent to 3:00 PM this date, nine hand-printed stickers, approximately 1½" by ½", bearing printed notation "26th Julio," appeared in cafeteria and hall at their factory. [redacted] subsequently advised that individuals determined to be responsible are [redacted] [redacted], and possibly [redacted] all employees of [redacted]

[redacted] They were apparently recruited through newspaper ad. [redacted] stated he is checking with USAF, Atlanta, regarding dismissing these individuals due to their activities which they have explained as a "joke."

Information being furnished to OSI locally and being made available to Bureau in event inquiries received, it being noted that [redacted] stated appearance of stickers caused considerable concern among plant employees due to current Cuban situation.

TP indices negative re all three individuals.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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1 - Philadelphia (Info) (AM-RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE TAMPA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN TAMPA	DATE JUL 27 1961	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/21 - 7/19/61
TITLE OF CASE THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY bct
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA RA - CUBA	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Tampa, 6/8/61.

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LEADSTAMPA DIVISIONAT TAMPA, FLORIDA

(1) Will continue to develop information concerning subject organization through interview of former members of this organization and interviews of persons connected with related matters.

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Sources utilized in the characterization of the July 26th Movement, Tampa, appearing in the appendix of this report are:

PSI [REDACTED]
Former PSI [REDACTED]

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: JUL 27 1961

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: 97-2

Bureau File #: 97-4455

Title: THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Former President of July 26th Movement in Tampa interviewed on 6/21/61 and advised Movement dissolved in January, 1961, after rupture of diplomatic relations between U.S. and Cuba, and not active since. He said Movement in Tampa never pro-Communist.

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

VICTORIANO MANTEIGA, [REDACTED] Tampa, advised on June 21, 1961, during the course of an interview with him, that he has not been active in any pro-FIDEL CASTRO organization since May, 1960, when he [REDACTED]

He acknowledged that some anti-CASTRO people have pretended his resignation was a subterfuge, and that he still exercised control over the July 26th Movement, basing this accusation on the mere fact that some of the officers of the July 26th Movement continued to visit MANTEIGA's office. He said this is not true, that he has not tried to influence the Movement in any way since his resignation, but that his friends are welcome to visit him at any time. He remarked that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continues to visit his office.

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MANTEIGA went on to say that the July 26th Movement was dissolved after the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba in January, 1961, and has not been active in anyway since that time.

MANTEIGA advised the July 26th Movement, Tampa, was never pro-Communist.

A characterization of the July 26th Movement, Tampa, is contained in the appendix hereto.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 97-2

Post Office Box 18185
Tampa 9, Florida
July 27, 1961

Title THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT, TAMPA,
FLORIDA

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated July 27, 1961.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUL 31 1961
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Malone _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Ingram _____
Miss Gandy _____

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12-12 PM REW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /97-4455/ AND SAC, MIAMI /97-139/ AND

SAC, NEW YORK /109-81/

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, TAMPA

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JULY TWENTY SIXTH MOVEMENT, NYC, IS DASH CUBA, RA DASH CUBA.

RE TAMPA TEL JULY TWENTY NINE. [] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE

AND ADVISED THAT HE TOLD EMPLOYEE OF NATIONAL AIRLINES THAT HE

CONSIDERED THE CONVERSATION HE OVERHEARD TO BE A JOKE. []

OVERHEARD SAID CONVERSATION AT A BAR IN TAMPA NIGHT OF JULY

TWENTY EIGHT OR MORNING OF JULY TWENTY NINE. ONLY PORTION OF

CONVERSATION HE HEARD WAS QUOTE I CAN MAKE A LOT OF MONEY IF I

TAKE A PLANE ON MONDAY UNQUOTE. [] COULD NOT GIVE ANY

INFORMATION CONCERNING CONVERSATION PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE

STATEMENT. HE BELIEVED INDIVIDUAL TO BE JOKING CONCERNING ABOVE

STATEMENT ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO BASIS FOR SAME. IDENTITY OF TYPE OR

OWNERSHIP OF PLANE NOT KNOWN. [] HAS NO DESCRIPTION OF SAID INDIVIDUALS.

THESE INDIVIDUALS SPOKE IN GOOD ENGLISH WITH NO ACCENT.

HE ADVISED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE KNOWN AT THE

BAR WHERE THE ABOVE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE. ALL AIRLINES TAMPA

ADVISED.. ALL AGENCIES ADVISED OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION INFORMED

OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [] NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING

CONDUCTED TAMPA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

DATE: 8/23/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (97-2)

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Transmitted herewith are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, together with nine copies of a memorandum evaluating sources, utilized therein, which have been disseminated to OSI, ONI, CIC, INS, G-2, and Customs locally.

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The sources utilized in the characterization of the July 26th Revolutionary Movement were [] and Former PSI []

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MIAMI DIVISIONAT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to the Miami Office inasmuch as there is investigation outstanding there.

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Post Office Box 18185
Tampa 9, Florida
August 23, 1961

JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

The following information concerning the named individuals was developed during the course of an investigation by the Tampa Federal Bureau of Investigation Office:

Cuba On July 25, 1961, *TAMPA, FLA.* [redacted] United States Customs, Tampa, advised that according to his records of Shippers' Export Declarations for shipments made on the Honduran vessel, the "M. V. Privateer", which departed from Tampa on July 15, 1961, for Cuba, subject's name appears as having shipped to himself as consignee one 1956 Chevrolet automobile.

FLA. On August 7, 1961, [redacted] Tampa, advised she is a [redacted] Subject lived with the [redacted] prior to their all going to Cuba about three weeks ago. They made the trip to Cuba in order to see [redacted]

FLA. [redacted] said that in contrast to the antipathy [redacted] feels against FIDEL CASTRO, subject sympathizes with him and his regime. She said subject has never been active in any pro-CASTRO organization to the best of her knowledge.

The records of the Drivers License Bureau, Hillsborough County Courthouse, reflected on August 8, 1961, that subject resided at [redacted] was born on [redacted]

[redacted] advised that subject was born in Cuba.

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[redacted]
[redacted] also known as [redacted]

On July 25, 1961, [redacted] United States Customs, Tampa, advised that according to his records of Shippers' Export Declarations for shipments made on the Honduran vessel, the "M. V. Privateer", which departed from Tampa on July 15, 1961, for Cuba, subject's name appears as having shipped to himself as consignee one 1955 Oldsmobile automobile.

On August 7, 1961, [redacted] said that subject previously resided at [redacted] Tampa, having come to Tampa four years ago, and that he lived at that address until the fall of 1960. [redacted] APPROX [redacted]

[redacted] Their names are [redacted]

[redacted] Subject was employed by the [redacted] in Tampa.

B. APPROX [redacted]

In the fall of 1960, the [redacted] family moved to [redacted] Tampa. Since that time, [redacted]

[redacted] has been known to be against FIDEL CASTRO during the past. Because of this antipathy, when he tried to obtain permission to go to Cuba lately to [redacted] he had difficulty in securing it. Subject received permission to go to Cuba, but prior to leaving the United States, he received word from his family in Cuba that he should not go there because his reputation of having opposed CASTRO would get him into trouble with CASTRO's government. Subject went anyway because he [redacted]

On August 7, 1961, [redacted] advised that she is a [redacted] She said he lived at this address from the fall of 1960 until he left for Cuba about three weeks ago. [redacted]

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[] said that subject has always been opposed to CASTRO and was very apprehensive about going to Cuba for fear he would be persecuted because of his feelings. She said he went to Miami, and left from there for Cuba.

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Tampa 9, Florida
August 23, 1961

Title JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated as
 above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in
referenced communication have furnished reliable information
in the past.

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HAMILTON GRANGER STATION
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

MOVIMIENTO 26 DE JULIO

DIRECCION CENTRAL EN NORTE AMERICA
600 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

TELEFONO AUDUBON 1-7820

PATRIA O MUERTE
VENCEREMOS

New York Agosto 6-61.

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Sr. Miami, Fla.-----

Estimado Compañero:

La direccion del M-26-7. en Cuba, nos indica a nosotros aqui en New York cuales son las disposiciones y acuerdos que se deben cumplir o tareas a realizar.

Segun las instrucciones que tenemos hasta el momento, El 26 de Julio es una organizacion Revolucionaria que lucha pacificamente por hacer llegar la verdad de nuestra revolucion al Pueblo Americano, y en esta forma de principios esta inscripta en Washington; como que defendemos los postulados de un Gobierno Extranjero, para ellos los Norteamericanos y sus leyes somos Agentes extranjeros, por lo cual cada uno de nosotros los Maximos responsables tenemos que estar inscriptos en Washington como tales.

Todos nuestros actos y tareas a realizar deben ser siempre en Nombre de el Movimiento, pues bajo otro nombre por no estar registrado, podian entrar en violaciones de las Leyes Norteamericanas, nosotros podemos hacer toda clase de propaganda escrita Radial o en Peliculas, así como piquetes o actos siempre que sean de matiz revolucionario donde los Militantes adquieren conocimientos y adoctrinamiento Politico Revolucionario, les ponemos esto en conocimiento para que todos sepan a plenitud cuales son nuestros deberes.

Todas estas actividades no se pueden desarrollar, en otra clase de Organizaciones como son Club sociales y de recreo pues este tipo de organizaciones tienen que inscribirse como de recreo social, y no pueden hacer ninguna clase de propaganda en favor de la Revolucion.

Para el día 15 del corriente mes todos los compañeros responsables de las Delegaciones en todos los USA, tienen que hacer su presentacion en Washington de sus planillas de inscripcion como Agentes Extranjeros.

Todos los compañeros que han sido designados para los cargos tienen que estar conscientes de los deberes contraídos, y si no pueden por cualquier causa aceptar esta responsabilidad, deben de comunicarlo inmediatamente, con el fin de nombrar otro en su lugar.

Fraternamente.


José Sanjines, Coordinador General
en Norte America.



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These are the rubber stamps which should be ordered for the use of the Organization, so that all the Organizations of the Movement may have the same kind. Naturally, when they are being made, the city in which the organization is located will be placed on it.

(It will be noted that appearing below the above wording was the inked impression approximately 1½" in diameter left by a rubber stamp; however the wording on the stamp could not be deciphered. Apparently this is the stamp referred to above.)

By the 15th of this month, all the officers of the delegations throughout the United States have to present in Washington their forms registering them as foreign agents.

All the comrades who have been designated for the various positions must be aware of the obligations they have assumed, and if they cannot for any reason accept this responsibility, they must so inform immediately, so that another can be appointed in that position.

Fraternally yours,
JOSE SANCHEZ, Coordinator General
in North America

FAITHFUL TO FIDEL * FAITHFUL TO CUBA * FAITHFUL TO THE
REVOLUTION

(Letterhead of 26 of July Movement,
New York, N.Y.)

New York, August 6, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Miami, Florida

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Dear Comrade:

The administration of the 26 of July Movement in Cuba indicates to us here in New York what measures should be taken, what agreements should be reached and what tasks are to be done.

According to the instructions which we have up to the present time, the 26 of July is a revolutionary organization which is striving peacefully to bring the truth of our revolution to the American people and it is registered in Washington under this form of principles. Since we defend the postulates of a foreign government, in the eyes of the United States and its laws, we are foreign agents; wherefore, every one of us who is an officer (literally, "mostly responsible") has to be registered in Washington as such.

Every meeting to be held and every task to be done should always be in the name of the Movement, since under any other name it could be a violation of the United States laws, because it has not been registered. We can make all types of propaganda, in writing, on the radio and on films; we can picket or hold meetings, provided they are of a revolutionary nature, in which the members acquire knowledge and revolutionary political indoctrination. We give you this information so that all may know fully what our duties are.

All these activities cannot be carried on in any other type of organization, like social or recreation clubs, since this type of organization has to be registered as a social or recreational one and cannot engaged in any type of propaganda in favor of the Revolution.

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[redacted] who is the
[redacted] of the July 26 Club of Miami, Florida. The
residence at the above address is vacant at this time.
Also enclosed with the letter was a one page note in
reference to the stamp of the July 26 Movement.

Enclosed for the Bureau is (1) a photostat of
the above letter to Mr. [redacted] (2) a photostat of the note
referring to the stamp of the Movement (it is noted the
stamp itself is illegible); (3) a translation of the letter
to [redacted] (4) a translation of the note referring to
the stamp of the 26th of July Movement.

Information copies are being furnished to
Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Los Angeles, Newark,
New Haven, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia, with
translations of the letter and note referring to the stamp,
for possible future investigative use.

Enclosed for Washington Field are translation
copies of the letter to [redacted] and of the note referring
to the stamp of the 26 of July Movement. The Washington
Field Office will contact the Foreign Agents Registration
Section, Internal Security Division of the Department of
Justice, and set out appropriate leads to interested
offices re the registration of delegates of the July 26
Movement with that Department, who, according to the
enclosures, must register as Foreign Agents by August 15,
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FROM: SAC, Miami (97-268)

JULY 26 CLUB OF MIAMI
MIAMI, FLORIDA
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RA - CUBA

On 8/10/61 a note was received at the Miami Office from an unknown source, Miami, Florida, enclosing a photostat of a letter dated 8/6/61 to [redacted] from [redacted]

[redacted] Instant note advised this letter was sent to [redacted], Miami, Florida and was postmarked 2 AM, 8/7/61 at New York, N.Y. with the return address of [redacted] N.Y. The address [redacted] Miami, Florida is a residence belonging to

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- 1 - New Orleans (Info.)(2 Encls.)
- 2 - New York (Info.)(4 Encls.)(AM)
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- 1 - Philadelphia (Info.)(2 Encls.)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Estos son los cuños que tienen que mandar a hacer para uso de la Organización, para que así todas las Organizaciones del Movimiento sean iguales. Naturalmente que al hacerlos les pondrán la ciudad donde reside la Organización.



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JULIO ✕
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage of captioned organization. (Investigation to date fails to reflect evidence of reactivation on part of subject organization, which disbanded in January, 1961, as previously reported.)

- | | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|--------------|
| 1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS (CUBA) | 9 |
| (Increase is due to the addition of [redacted] who is in a position to furnish information regarding names of former members and their activities.) | |
| 2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION | 5 |
| (It is noted that former PSI [redacted] is presently [redacted] and is included in Number 1 above, thereby causing a decrease of one in this category.) | |
| 3. MEMBERS OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT INTERVIEWED DURING THE LAST MONTH | 3 |
| (a) Cooperative and having potential as source. | 0 |
| (b) Having no informant or source potential. | 3 |
| (c) Uncooperative | 0 |

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TITLE OF CASE THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ih
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Report of SA [REDACTED] Tampa, 7/27/61.

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TAMPA DIVISIONAT TAMPA, FLORIDA

(1) Will continue to develop information concerning subject organization through interview of former members of this organization and interviews of persons connected with related matter.

(2) Will interview [REDACTED]
Tampa for whatever information he might furnish concerning

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[redacted] to possibly aid subject organization in future. If outcome of interview with [redacted] is positive, will attempt to identify individuals mentioned as participants in [redacted] and conduct appropriate investigation to determine their activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This communication is classified "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as it contains information from TP T-1, an informant of lasting value, which if disclosed would impair his future worth.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

TP T-1 is [redacted]

Sources utilized in the characterization of the JULY 26th MOVEMENT contained in the appendix hereto are:

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[redacted]
Former PSI [redacted]

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Tampa sources and informants contacted with negative results re subject organization were:

8/14/61 PSI [redacted] by SA [redacted]

8/31/61 PSI [redacted] by SA [redacted]

9/5/61 [redacted] by SA [redacted]

Careful consideration was given to the use of T symbols and were used only where the identity of informants need be concealed.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Date: SEP 25 1961

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: TP 97-2

Bureau File #: 97-4455

Title: THE JULY 26th MOVEMENT,
TAMPA, FLORIDACharacter: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] of July 26th Movement, Tampa, interviewed on 8/28/61, and he advised that organization has held no meetings since its dissolution in January, 1961, nor has it had any activity since that time. [REDACTED] a former member, advised on 8/7/61, that there has been no activity of subject organization since it was dissolved in January, 1961. Tampa sources and informants report no present activity of subject organization.

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DETAILS:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDAPRESENT STATUS OF JULY 26th MOVEMENT
IN TAMPA

On August 7, 1961, [REDACTED] *Tampa, Fla* a former member of the July 26th Movement, Tampa, advised on August 7, 1961, that there has been no activity of the organization since dissolution in January, 1961. He said he knew of no movement to reactivate the group.

A characterization of the July 26th Movement is contained in the appendix hereto.

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[redacted] Tampa, advised August 28, 1961, that he is the [redacted] who was a [redacted] of the July 26th Movement in Tampa. He said that he was never a member of the group, however, due to [redacted] he had knowledge of the activities of the July 26th Movement. He said that since the dissolution of the group in January, 1961, there have been no meetings nor activities of the organization in the Tampa area to the best of his knowledge.

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RUMORED MILITARY TRAINING FOR
POSSIBLE FUTURE AID OF JULY 26th
MOVEMENT IN TAMPA

On August 1, 1961, TP T-1 advised that he had received word from [redacted] Tampa, that it is rumored that the below named men are doing some [redacted]. The rumored purpose of their activity is that some day in the future they may be called to aid in some way the subject organization. [redacted] works at an [redacted] Tampa. TP T-1 named the men as follows:

[redacted] Tampa F12
[redacted] APPROX [redacted]
F12 [redacted]
[redacted] No other data. Tampa F12
[redacted] no other data.
[redacted] aka [redacted]
[redacted] no other data: Tampa F12
[redacted] B. APPROX. [redacted]
[redacted] no other data. B. APPROX. [redacted] F12

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F12 Informant said it was further rumored that [redacted] He was a [redacted] in the Revolutionary Army of Cuba, and is a [redacted] He at present claims to be a [redacted] Informant

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could offer no proof or evidence of these training activities, nor could he tell when or where they were allegedly taking place.

Other Tampa sources and informants were contacted during August and September with negative results.



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Set forth below is the information regarding the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage of captioned organization. (Investigation to date fails to reflect evidence of reactivation on part of subject organization, which became defunct in January, 1961, as has been reported.)

	<u>Total</u>
1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS (CUBA)	9
2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION	9
(Increase is due to addition of PSI [redacted])	
[redacted] PSI [redacted]	
[redacted] and PSI [redacted]	
all of whom are in a position to furnish information regarding names of former members and their activities.)	
3. MEMBERS OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT INTERVIEWED DURING THE LAST MONTH	4
(a) Cooperative and having potential as source	1
(b) Having no informant or source potential	3
(c) Uncooperative	0

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For the information of the Bureau, a new [redacted] has been opened on [redacted] former member, for appropriate investigation.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4455)

DATE: 10-6-61

FROM : SAC, Tampa (97-2)

SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
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Remylet dated 9/7/61.

The following is the Tampa Office's current live informant coverage on captioned group. (Investigation to date has failed to show that this organization has reactivated in this area.) However, on 8-2-61, CARLOS CARBONELL VALDEZ, IS-CUBA, RA - CUBA (Bufile 105-93249) (TP 105-89), registered with the U. S. Department of Justice and described his activities as follows: "To direct, coordinate the activities of the 26th of July Movement in the area of Tampa, Florida."

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| 1. ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND INFORMANTS (CUBA) | TOTAL
5 |
| 2. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION | 14 |
| This is an increase of two with the addition of [redacted] 97-4480 and [redacted] | |
| 3. MEMBERS OF THE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT INTERVIEWED DURING LAST MONTH. | 6 |
| (a) Cooperative and having potential as source | 0 |
| (b) Having no informant or source potential | 5 |
| (c) Uncooperative | 1 |

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1. [redacted] Bufile 105-99660, TP 105-415,
on 9-11-61 (c).
2. [redacted] Bufile 105-97598, TP 105-339
on 9-12-61 (b).
3. [redacted] Bufile 105-94127, TP 105-298,
on 9-22-61 (b).
4. [redacted] Bufile 105-101806, TP 105-344,
on 9-29-61 (b).
5. [redacted] on 9-28-61 (b).
6. [redacted] on
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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Rerep of SA Frederick A. Slight dated 11-16-61.

Dissemination of report at Bureau being held in
abeyance pending clarification of the following:

Characterization appearing on page two dealing
with Monroe Defense Committee poorly worded and creates
impression Bureau's charge of kidnaping against [redacted]
[redacted] was "trumped up."

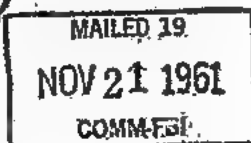
Furnish source of your characterization of 27767
Monroe Defense Committee. If characterization as set
forth is inaccurate and requires revision, submit revised
page two.

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NOTE:

Thumbnail sketch of Monroe Defense Committee
incorporated in referenced report indicates kidnaping charge
lodged against [redacted] and his friends was a "trumped up"
charge. This is inaccurate as [redacted] is now a Bureau
fugitive currently residing in Cuba. Clarification of the
characterization is necessary.



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TITLE OF CASE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA, FLORIDA		REPORT MADE BY SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT	TYPED BY dmp
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [] 9/25/61, at Tampa;
Bureau letters 10/16, 19, 20 and 24/61;
Tampa teletypes to Bureau 10/25 and 26/61;
Tampa letter to Bureau 10/30/61.

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LEADS:

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1. Will attempt to verify reported firearms practice about one mile south of Highway 60 off of Highway 301 in an area reached by turning off 301 to the right on a road by the railroad tracks.

2. Continue to report activities of captioned organization.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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INFORMANTS:

<u>IDENTITY</u>	<u>LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION</u>
TP T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]
TP T-2 is PSI [redacted] [redacted]	[redacted]
TP T-3 is [redacted]	Anonymous
TP T-4 is [redacted]	[redacted]
TP T-5 is PSI [redacted]	[redacted]

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Sources contacted during September and October, 1961, which are mentioned in the body of this report as being unable to furnish information concerning captioned organization are identified as follows:

[redacted] contacted 10/3/61, by SA [redacted]
PSI [redacted] contacted 10/4/61, by SA [redacted]
PSI [redacted] contacted 10/9/61, by SA [redacted]
[redacted]
PSI [redacted] contacted 9/27/61, by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted 9/25/61, by SA [redacted]
CS [redacted] contacted 9/14/61, by SA [redacted]
PSI [redacted] contacted 10/5/61, by SA [redacted]
CS [redacted] contacted 10/19/61, by SA [redacted]
PSI [redacted] contacted 9/29/61, by SA [redacted]
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Sources utilized in the characterization of July 26th Movement are:

(C) [redacted]
Former PSI [redacted]
[redacted]

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Sources utilized in the characterization of FPCC are:

[redacted]
[redacted]

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Sources utilized in the characterization of FPCC-TP are:

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Former [redacted]
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Careful consideration has been given to sources concealed in this report and T symbols have been utilized only in those instances where identity must be concealed.

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ as unauthorized disclosure of information contained herein from TP T-1 through T-5 could possibly result in their identification, thereby impairing their future effectiveness.

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SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT
NOV 16 1961

Office: Tampa

Field Office File #: 97-2

Bureau File #: 97-4455

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Sources familiar with activities of July 26th Movement in Tampa report no activity of this organization. CARLOS CARBONELL registered as Coordinator of the July 26th Movement in Tampa with the U. S. Department of Justice on 8/21/61. Alleged firearms training by July 26th in Tampa not verified to date.

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DETAILS:

PRESENT STATUS AND REPORTED MEMBERS OF
JULY 26TH MOVEMENT, TAMPA

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TP T-1 advised on September 11, 1961, that he believes that [redacted] was formerly some sort of officer in the July 26th Revolutionary Movement. [redacted]

[redacted] Source knew nothing further concerning these meetings.

A characterization of the July 26th Movement is contained in the appendix hereto.

TP T-2 advised on September 13, 1961, that he had heard from an unrecalled source that the 26th of July Club is holding meetings in a frame house across the street from the Gradiatz-Annis Cigar Factory on 14th Street in Tampa. This house is across the street from the main entrance to Gradiatz-Annis.

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TP T-3 advised on September 29, 1961, that [redacted]
[redacted] of the July 26th Movement in New York, was in contact
with an unknown individual in [redacted]
[redacted]

TP T-4 advised on October 3, 1961, that [redacted]
[redacted] of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) was over-
heard to comment that he had [redacted]
[redacted]

The Monroe Defense Committee has headquarters at
53 W. 125 Street, New York City, and was founded,
according to its press releases, to tell the story
of Monroe, North Carolina, to the world, to raise
funds for the legal defense of individuals currently
under arrest in Monroe, N. C., and to provide financial
assistance to members of Afro-American community in
Monroe, N. C.

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Characterizations of the FPCC and the Tampa Chapter
of the FPCC (FPCC-TP) are contained in the appendix
hereto.

TP T-4 further advised on October 3, 1961, that [redacted]
[redacted] had stated that CARLOS CARBONELL, who is head of the July
26th Movement in Tampa, is old, going blind and in poor health.
He said CARBONELL should be sent back to Cuba if possible.

TP T-1 advised on October 6, 1961, that it appeared that
the FPCC and the 26th of July Movement have joined in their efforts
on behalf of the CASTRO government. He said that meetings are held
at 2513 13th Street every Thursday night, which are attended by
CARLOS CARBONELL, [redacted] and other individuals known

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to be associated with both of these groups. They are asking persons attending these meetings to write letters to "La Gaceta", supporting the Cuban Revolutionary Government as well as the activities of the FPCC and the 26th of July Movement so that these letters will be published in "Letters to the Editor" column.

TP T-5 advised on October 4, 1961, that it was rumored that CARLOS CARBONELL, the old man who sells Cuban crackers around Ybor City, is the new leader of the July 26th Movement of Tampa. However, nothing has been heard about any actual meetings of this organization or about any activities.

REGISTRATION OF CARLOS CARBONELL
AS COORDINATOR OF THE JULY 26TH
MOVEMENT

A short form registration slip with number 1379 was filed by CARLOS CARBONELL with the Registration Secretary, United States Department of Justice on August 21, 1961. This form showed CARLOS CARBONELL VALDEZ, born September 23, 1896, in Cuba, a United States citizen, employed at the None-Such Baking Corporation, 2111 15th Street, Tampa, Florida, and residing 3406 15th Street, Tampa, described his activities as follows:

To direct and coordinate the activities of the 26th of July Movement in the area of Tampa, Florida.

CARBONELL also admitted that he is an agent for the magazine "Bohemia" which he receives and distributes to newsstands in Tampa, Florida.

"Bohemia" is a Spanish language magazine printed in Havana, Cuba, which was expropriated by the government of FIDEL CASTRO.

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Date October 13, 1961

CARLOS CARBONELL VALDEZ, 3406 15th Street, was interviewed in a Bureau car in front of his residence. He was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement that he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to an attorney. F-11

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CARBONELL claimed that the July 26th Movement was not now active in Tampa, nor has it been active since it disbanded the early part of this year. He stated that he had registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of a foreign government upon the instructions of JOSE SANCHEZ, President and Coordinator of the July 26th Movement in New York. He did not know the name of this New York attorney. He had been advised that as coordinator of the July 26th Movement in Tampa he should register with the Department of Justice and he had been sent the necessary form to complete this registration by JOSE SANCHEZ.

CARBONELL maintained that the July 26th Movement in Tampa, is not active at the present time nor has it been active since it disbanded around the first of the year. He claimed that there are no officers in this organization other than himself, the coordinator, nor are there any active members. He registered with the Department of Justice in order to be in a position if needed, to keep alive the feeling of the revolution and to combat lies about the present government of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba which are being spread by exiles and other people in the United States.

CARBONELL stated that he did not think that the present government in Cuba was communistic, although he stated that to him the present government in Cuba was doing the same thing in Cuba which HENRY FORD had done when he started to build automobiles in Michigan. That is FORD put up the money and told the workers that if they would work they could share the profits of the business and the same thing is true in Cuba with the government putting up the money for various projects in Cuba and the poor people who never had anything under BATISTA were finding a better way of life. Possibly this was Socialism but he could not see where it could be called communism. Cuban ties with Russia were out of economic necessity.

On 10/10/61 at Tampa, Florida File # TP 105-89
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by SAS [redacted] and FREDERICK A. Date dictated 10/10/61
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CARBONELL stated that he had been fired from his job as a cracker salesman for the None-Such Bakery and produced a letter postmarked September 17, 1961, addressed to the None Such Bakery. The letter contained inside this envelope was dated January 11, 1960, Tampa, Florida, and was unsigned. This letter stated that CARBONELL as an employee of the bakery was losing the bakery money because he was a communist and everyone knew this. That he had formerly been employed by Have-A-Tampa Cigar Company in Tampa, and had been fired there because he was a communist. This letter indicated that there were many loyal Americans who should be working instead of a communist.

CARBONELL stated that he had been let go on the basis of this letter and at the present time he had no employment other than selling "Bohemia" around Tampa. He stated that he receives this magazine once a week, pays the freight on the magazine and then sells it to newsstands for \$.27 a copy and it in turn is sold for \$.35. His wife is no longer working and he claimed that he was already finding it hard to make ends meet.

CARBONELL claimed that he has no intentions of returning to Cuba unless he is deported by authorities. He maintained that this was his home and he planned to stay here and he would continue to try and combat the lies which are being spread about the present government in Cuba.

CARBONELL said that the only persons he knew of who recently have returned to Cuba were [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that they were presently in Cuba, but he did not know how they arrived there. [redacted]

[redacted] had just recently returned to Cuba, manner of departure was unknown.

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Sources familiar with July 26th Movement activities in Tampa Bay area were contacted during September and October, 1961, and advised that to their knowledge no Cuban school bonds or stamps were being offered for sale, nor did they possess any information regarding loyalty pledges secured by this movement as there has been no activity on the part of this movement.

RUMORED ARMS TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS
CONNECTED WITH JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
IN TAMPA

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On November 2, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and FREDERICK A. SLIGHT that he had been told by an individual, whose name he could not recall, that some of the personnel at the Tampa Shipyards on the night shift were holding firearms practice. He explained that this unrecalled individual told him that while a ship was in drydock there had been a crew sandblasting the bottom of the ship. While the ship was being sandblasted, several individuals on this ship had guns and would shoot them. He explained that he had been told this about four or five months ago and had reported this to a friend of his who said he would advise the proper authorities.

[redacted] claimed this had been so long ago he had forgotten the name of the person who had told him of this and had also forgotten the names of the individuals involved. He had only been advised of their nicknames for the most part and was not personally acquainted with any of them. This unrecalled individual had also told him that this group at one time had held firearms practice outside of town. He had explained that the area where the firearms training was held was out Highway 301, south of Highway 60, near the railroad track which is about one mile south of Highway 20; that the railroad track turned right on a small road and somewhere down this road is where the group reportedly held the firearms practice one Sunday.

He has heard nothing more concerning this group or about any additional firearms training since that time. He was unable to say if these men belonged to any organized group as they were described to him as being part of the crew at the Tampa Shipyards. In the event he received any additional information he would immediately notify the property authorities himself.



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Tampa, Florida

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Reference Report of SA FREDERICK A.
SLIGHT, dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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July 26th Movement - Tampa
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TWENTY AND TWENTYFOUR. CARLOS CARBONELL, BUFILE /105-93249/,

FURNISHED COPY OF DEPARTMENTAL LETTER TOGETHER WITH TRANSLATION OF SAME

INTO SPANISH LANGUAGE THIS DATE. ADMITTED BEING COORDINATOR OF

INSTANT GROUP IN TAMPA BUT STATES SAME DEFUNCT SINCE JANUARY SIXTYONE

AND HAS NO RECORDS PERTAINING TO MOVEMENT. DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY

MEMBERSHIP OR FINANCIAL RECORDS. AWARE THAT REQUIRED TO KEEP

RECORDS OF ACTIVITIES BUT IN VIEW OF LACK OF ACTIVITY HAD NONE TO

PRODUCE. VOLUNTARILY MADE AVAILABLE RECORDS PERTAINING TO SHIPMENTS

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